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FOREWORD

This report summarizes the work performed by the Boeing Aerospace Company (BAC) under NASA Contract NAS1-15644 during the period April 1, 1981, through June 30, 1981.

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SUMMARY

This document reports on activities from April 1, 1981, through June 30, 1981, of an experimental program to develop several types of graphite/polyimide (GR/PI) bonded and bolted joints. The program consists of two concurrent tasks. TASK 1 is concerned with design and test of specific built-up attachments, while TASK 2 evaluates standard and advanced bonded joint concepts. The purpose is to develop a data base for the design and analysis of advanced composite joints for use at elevated temperatures (561K (550⁰F)). The objectives are to identify and evaluate design concepts for specific joining applications and to identify the fundamental parameters controlling the static strength characteristics of such joints. The results from these tasks will provide the data necessary to design and build GR/PI lightly loaded flight components for advanced space transportation systems and high speed aircraft.

During this reporting period, principal program activities dealt with the literature survey, design allowables testing, preliminary evaluation of attachment concepts and final joint designs for scale-up verification fabrication and testing. Test results are presented for compression and interlaminar shear strengths of Celion 6000/PMR-15 laminates. Static discriminator test results for Type 3 and Type 4 bonded and bolted joints are presented and discussed. Final joint designs for TASK 1.4 scale-up fabrication and testing are also presented.

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SECTION 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This is the 8th quarterly report covering results of activity during the period April 1, 1981, through June 30, 1981.

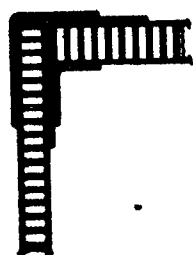
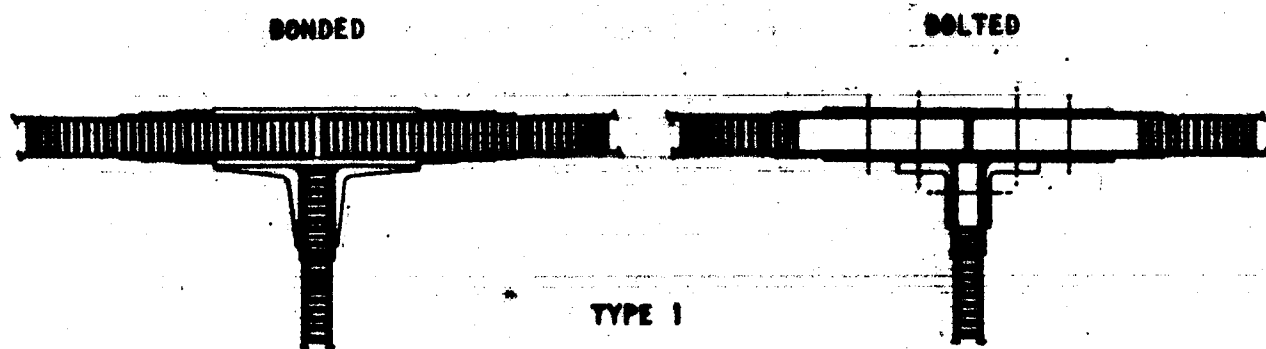
The purpose of this program is to provide a data base for the design of advanced composite joints useful for service at elevated temperatures (561K (550°F)). The current epoxy-matrix composite technology in joint and attachment design will be extended to include polyimide-matrix composites. This will provide data necessary to build graphite/polyimide (GR/PI) lightly loaded flight components for advanced space transportation systems and high speed aircraft. The objectives of this contract are twofold: first, to identify and evaluate design concepts for specific jointing applications of built-up attachments which could be used at rib-skin and spar-skin interfaces; second, to explore advanced concepts for joining simple composite-composite and composite-metallic structural elements, identify the fundamental parameters controlling the static strength characteristics of such joints, and compile data for design, manufacture, and test of efficient structural joints using the GR/PI material system.

The major technical activities follow two paths concurrently. The TASK 1 effort is concerned with design and test of specific built-up attachments while the TASK 2 work evaluates standard and advanced bonded joint concepts.

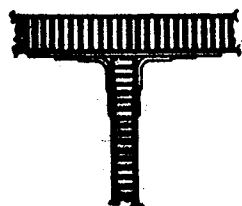
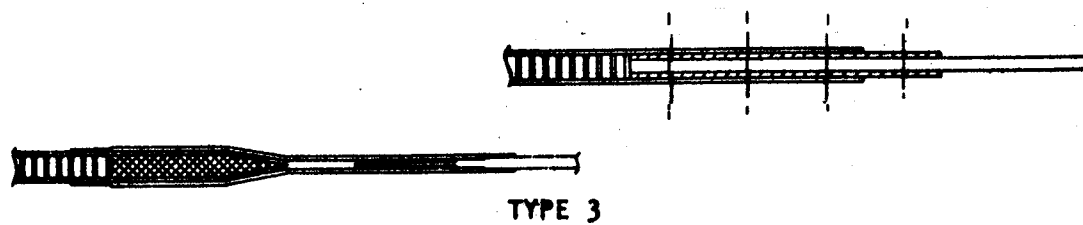
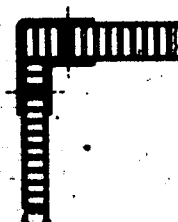
The generic joint concepts to be developed under TASK 1 are shown in Figure 1-1. The total program scheduled is shown in Figure 1-2.

In TASK 1.1, several concepts were designed and analyzed for each bonded and each bolted attachment type and reported in Reference 1. Concurrent with this task a series of design allowable and small specimen tests were conducted under TASK 1.2. The analytical results of TASK 1.1 and the design data from TASK 1.2 were used to select the most promising bonded and bolted concepts.

In TASK 1.3, the most promising concepts for each joint type were fabricated and tested. Test results were used to define any design changes required for the preferred joint concepts. Final concepts will be evaluated based on weight



TYPE 2



TYPE 4

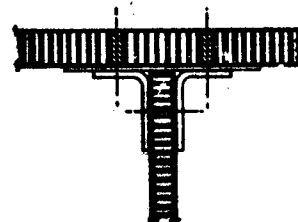
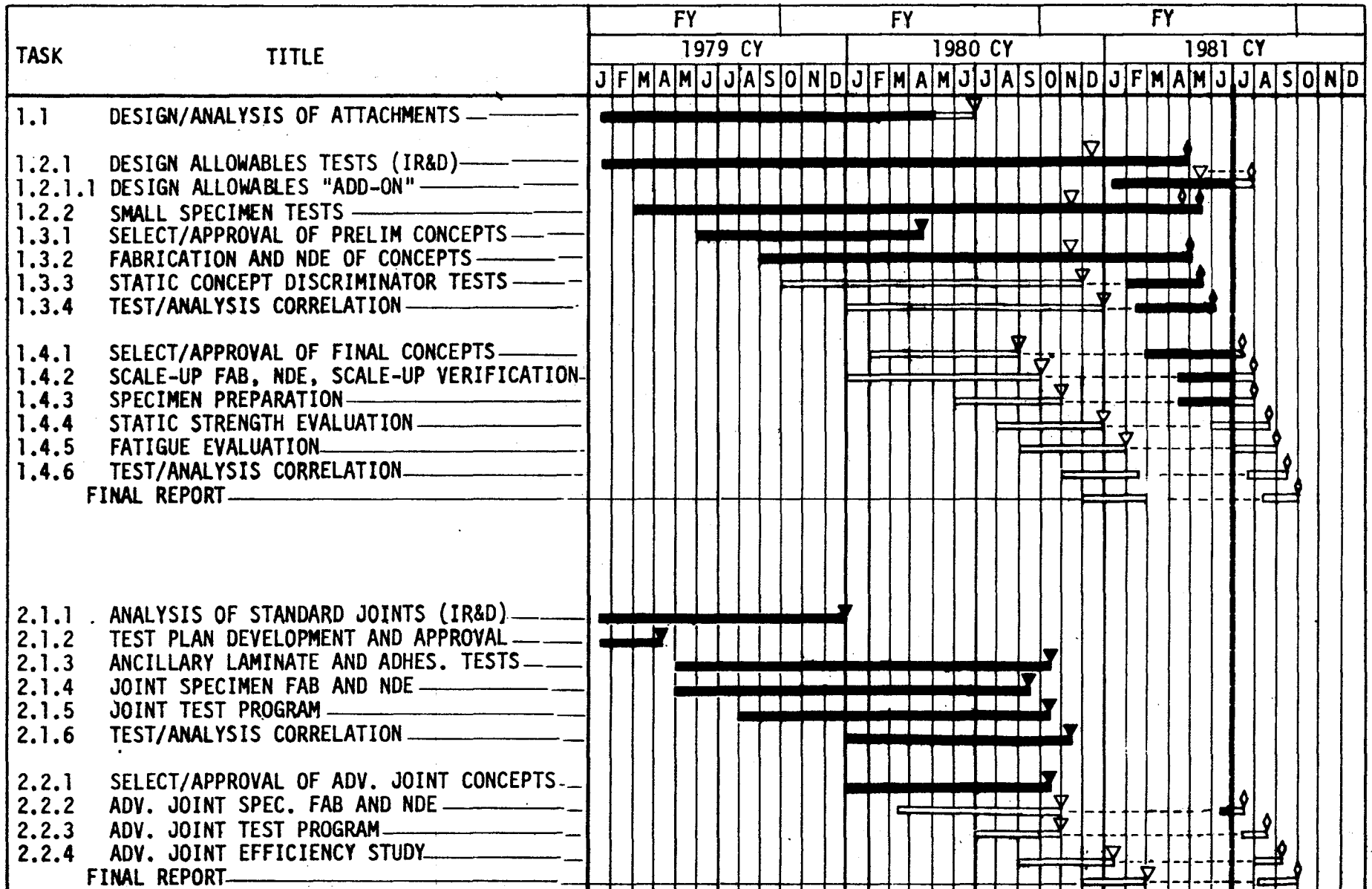


Figure 1-1: Generic Joint Concepts for 4 Attachment Types

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Figure 1-2: Master Program Schedule

efficiency, ease of fabrication, detail part count, inspectability and predicted fatigue behavior.

Finally, eight joint concepts (2 of each joint type) will be fabricated in TASK 1.4 on a scaled-up manufacturing basis to assure that reliable attachments can be fabricated for full-scale components. A series of static tests will be performed on specimens cut from the scaled-up attachments to verify the validity of the manufacturing process. Additional specimens will be thermally conditioned and tested in a series of static and fatigue tests. Test results will be compared with the analytical predictions and will be used to refine the final attachment concepts and to define design/analysis procedures.

The TASK 2 activity will establish a limited data base that will describe the influence of variations in basic design parameters on the static strength and failure modes of GR/PI bonded composite joints over a 116K to 561K (-250⁰F to 550⁰F) temperature range. The primary objectives of this research are to provide data useful for evaluation of standard bonded joint concepts and design procedures, to provide the designer with increased confidence in the use of bonded high-performance composite structures at elevated temperature, and to evaluate possible modifications to the standard joint concepts for improved efficiency.

To accomplish these objectives, activity under TASK 2.1 has consisted of design, fabrication, and static tests of several classes of composite-to-composite and composite-to-metallic bonded joints including single-and-double-lap joints and step-lap joints. Test parameters included lap length, adherend stiffness and stacking sequence at room and elevated temperatures. Under TASK 2.2, advanced lap joint concepts have been selected which show promise of improving joint efficiency. Concepts selected are pre-formed adherends, hybrid systems, and lap edge scalloping. These concepts will be statically tested and the results compared with the results from the standard joint tests.

This report summarizes the literature survey, presents static discriminator test results and results of design allowables testing completed during this reporting period.

SECTION 2.0

TASK 1 ATTACHMENTS

2.1 TASK 1.1 - Design and Analysis of Attachments

This section discusses the results achieved during this reporting period on the literature survey and on design and analysis of attachments.

2.1.1 Literature Survey

A comprehensive literature search was initiated at the beginning of the program to compile applicable experimental data and analyses concerned with the processing control, properties, and fabrication of GR/PI composite materials. In addition, the search was focused on design/analysis and evaluation of test data of bonded and bolted composite attachments.

The search has revealed an extensive amount of basic research, both completed and on-going, concerning attachments of composite structural members. Results of the literature search have been reported in previous Quarterly Report numbers 1 through 7. Review of current literature is a continuous on-going process during performance of this contract. A summary of relevant literature reviewed during this reporting period is given below.

Reference 2 presents results of analyses and tests to define stresses and strains in a double-lap joint bonded with a linear viscoelastic adhesive. The joint is subjected to a quasi-static load. The viscoelastic stress analysis is performed using Schapery's Direct Method of transform inversion and the SAAS III finite element program. The theory of modeling viscoelastic materials with finite elements is presented. Analysis results are corroborated with photoelastic and photoviscoelastic analyses of four double lap joint geometries.

Results of a parametric study of double-lap joints bonded with a viscoelastic adhesive are presented in Reference 3. The study is based on the analysis procedure presented in Reference 2 and quantitatively defines various material and geometric parameters needed to design an efficient joint. The most important parameter is the ratio of adherend modulus, E_M , to apparent adhesive modulus,

E_A . A dimensionless overlap ratio for adherends of identical materials is suggested that can be used to estimate joint efficiencies and where the adhesive peel and shear stresses will have the largest magnitude.

Reference 4 presents thermophysical properties data for HTS/NR150B2 and HTS/PMR-15 laminates over the temperature range of 116 K to 589 K (-250°F to 600°F). Data presented are thermal conductivity, thermal expansion, specific heat and emittance.

2.1.2 Design and Analysis

The design analysis procedure used to develop the joint designs is shown in Figure 2-1 which illustrates the interaction between design, analysis and test. Shaded areas indicate percent completion.

Basic designs for all the bonded and bolted joints were presented in the 5th Quarterly Report (CR 159112). These designs along with small specimen test results were used to arrive at the static discriminator specimen configurations presented in the 6th Quarterly Report (CR 159113). Results of the static discriminator tests have been used to arrive at the final joint designs for scale-up fabrication and test under TASK 1.4. Detail drawings of the joint designs are presented and discussed in section 2.4.

2.2 TASK 1.2 - Material and Small Component Characterization

This section discusses design allowables and small specimen testing.

2.2.1 TASK 1.2.1.1 - Design Allowables Modification

IITRI compression tests of Celion 6000/PMR-15 laminates have been completed except for specimens with strain gages. Test results are presented in Figure 2-2 and compare favorably with results published in Reference 5 for HTS-1/PMR-15 laminates of similar lay-ups. Room temperature data are compared to results from sandwich beam tests and face supported "end loaded" coupon tests in Figure 2-3. The IITRI and "end loaded" coupon tests give higher failure stresses than the sandwich beam tests. Because of the simplicity of the

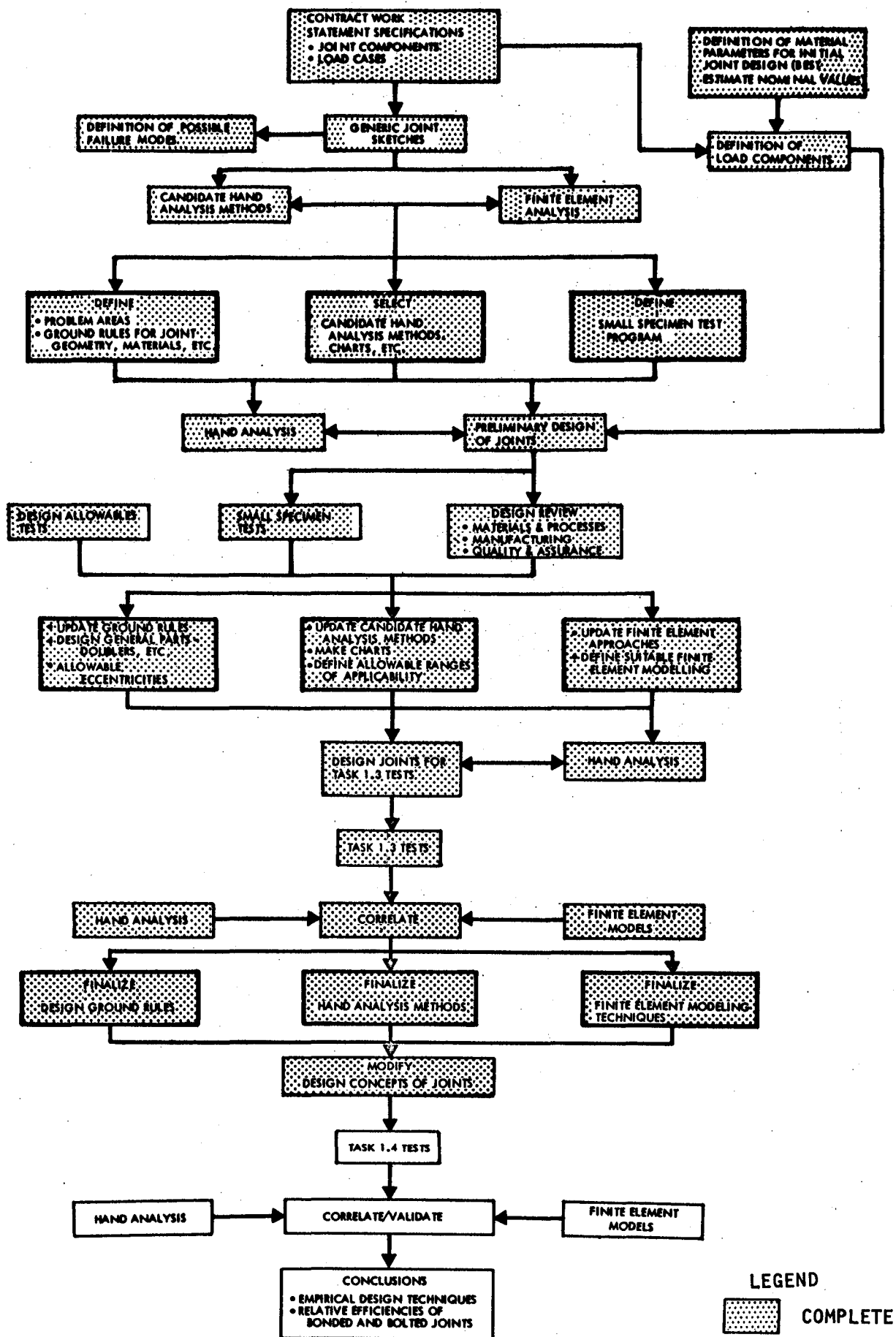


Figure 2-1: Task 1 Design/Analysis/Test Flow Diagram

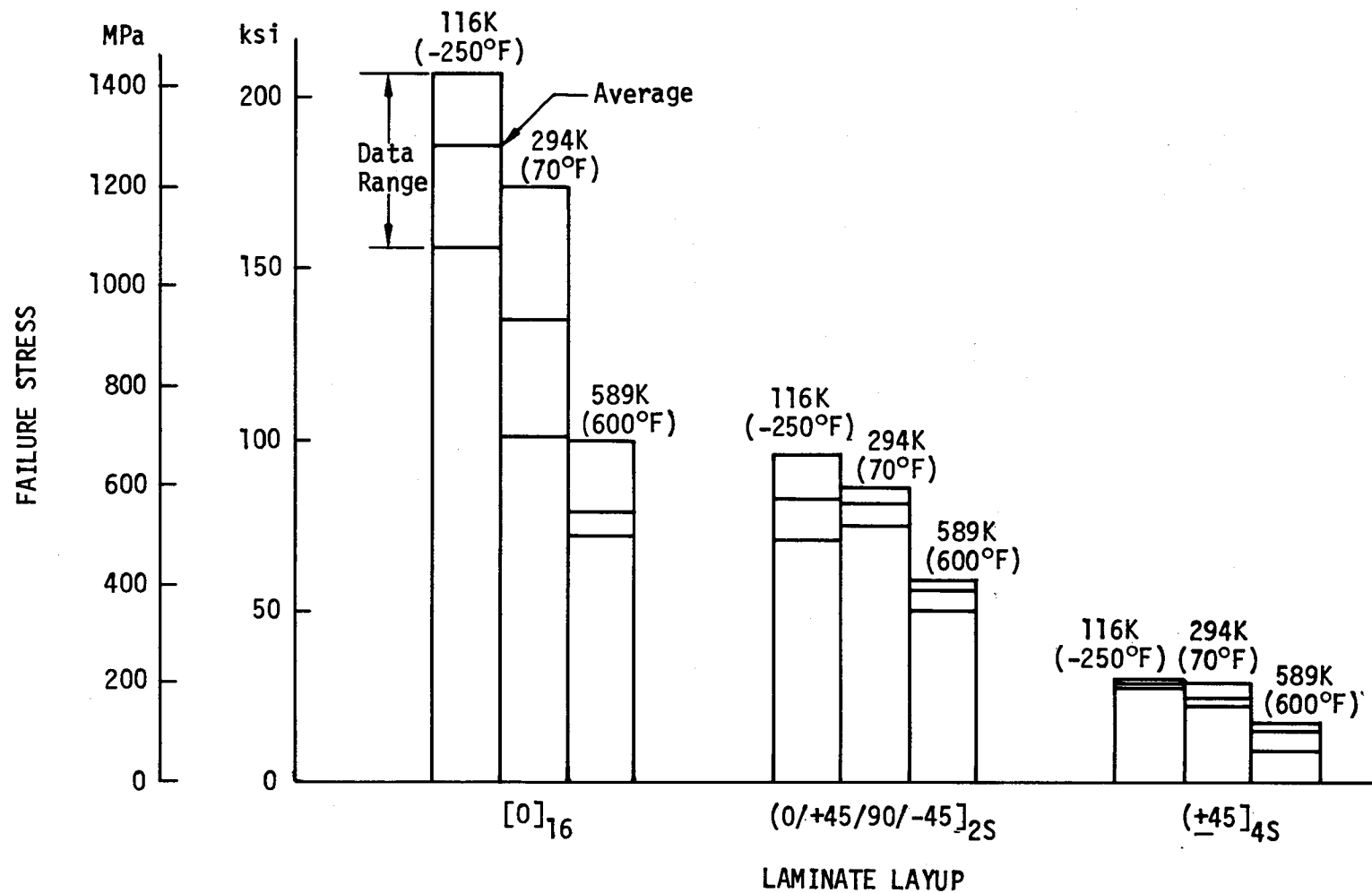


Figure 2-2: IITRI Compression Tests, Celion 6000/PMR-15, Baseline "Dry"

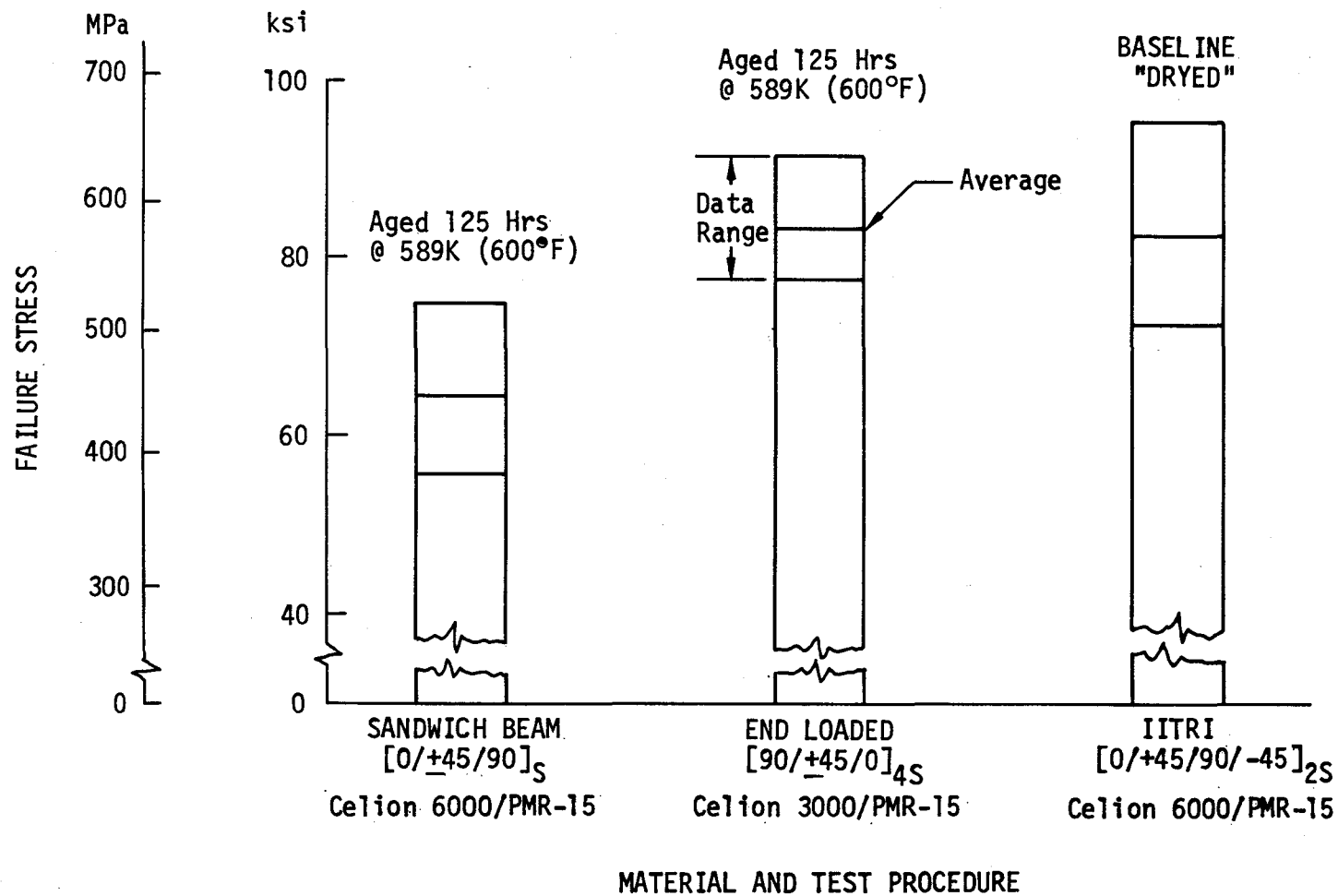


Figure 2-3: Comparison of Compression Test Results Room Temperature

"end loaded" coupon specimen and test fixture and the corresponding reduced cost, this test procedure should be considered for future testing. This is consistent with results and recommendations in Reference 5.

Results of short beam shear tests of Celion 6000/PMR-15 are given in Figure 2-4. All data exceed the minimum specification requirement as shown.

2.2.2 TASK 1.2.2 - Small Specimen Tests

Tests of 45.7mm (1.8 inch) double lap bonded joints of honeycomb sandwich (Matrix 4B test 4A) have been completed. All specimens failed in the laminate near the end of the load grip (hydraulic grips were used). Typical failed specimens are shown in Figure 2-5. Average failure loads at room temperature and 561 K (550°F) were 10.7 kN (2400 lbs) and 10.2 kN (2295 lbs) respectively. These correspond to average laminate stresses of 409 MPa (59.3 ksi) and 388 MPa (56.3 ksi) which are approximately 73% of ultimate. Some of the specimens had signs of first ply damage in the bonded areas of the load tabs which would explain the low failure loads. These tests were originally intended to verify bonded lap lengths and doubler design for Type 1 joints prior to the static discriminator tests. However, because of late specimen delivery the static discriminator specimens were tested first and showed that the doubler design was not adequate. New interleaved doubler designs were tested and shown acceptable (see section 2.3.3); therefore, no retesting of Matrix 4B, test 4A is planned.

2.3 TASK 1.3 - Preliminary Evaluation of Attachment Concepts

This section discusses results of static discriminator tests of Type 3 and Type 4 bonded and bolted joints and of special interleaved doublers.

2.3.1 Type 3 Bonded and Bolted Joints

Tension tests of Type 3 bolted joints have been completed. Test specimens are shown in Figures 2-6 and 2-7. Each specimen tested had some delaminations present in the bolt area prior to test as shown in Figure 2-8; however, they

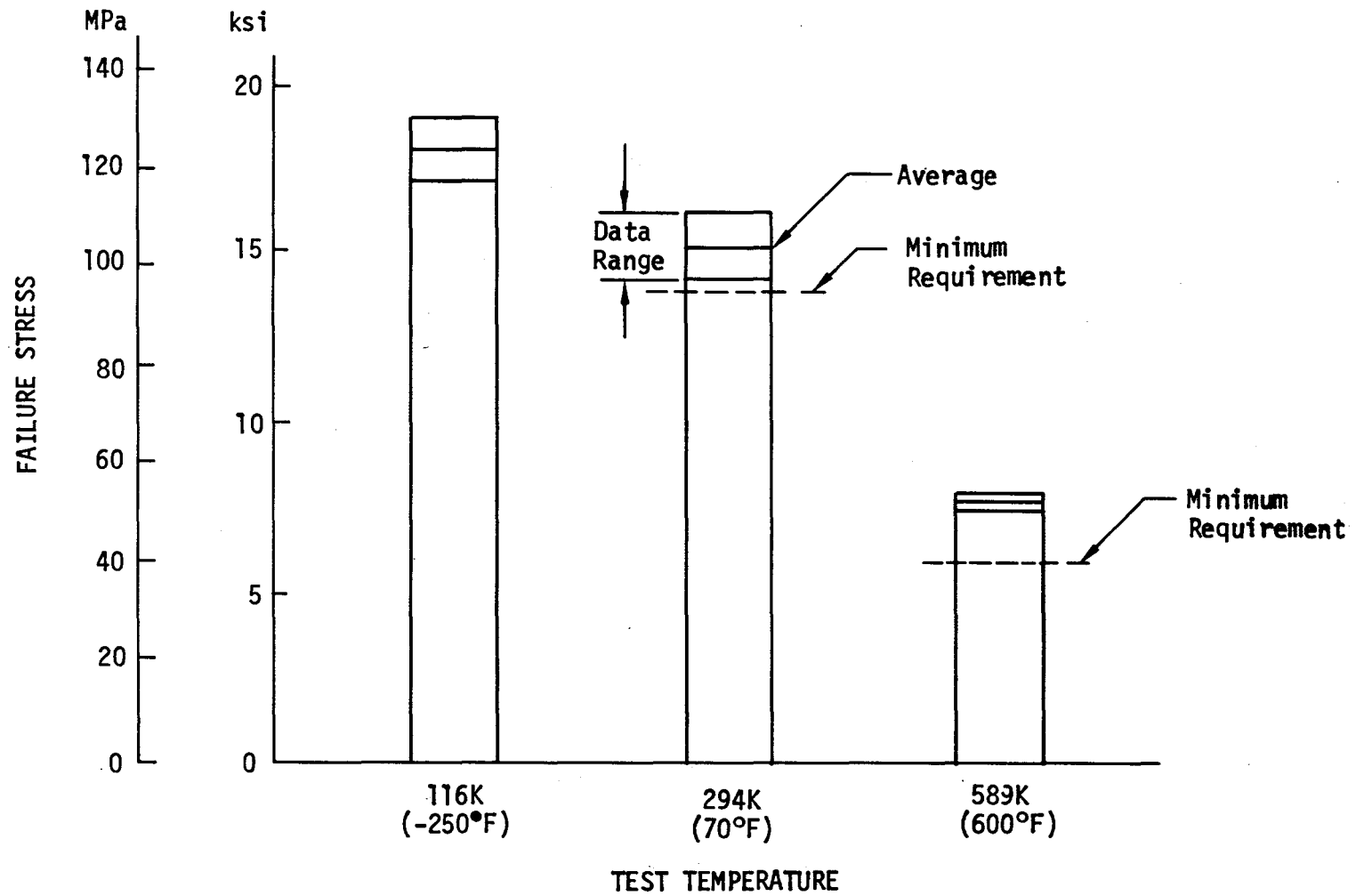


Figure 2-4: Short Beam Shear Tests Celion 6000/PMR-15 $[0]_{16}$ Baseline "Dry"

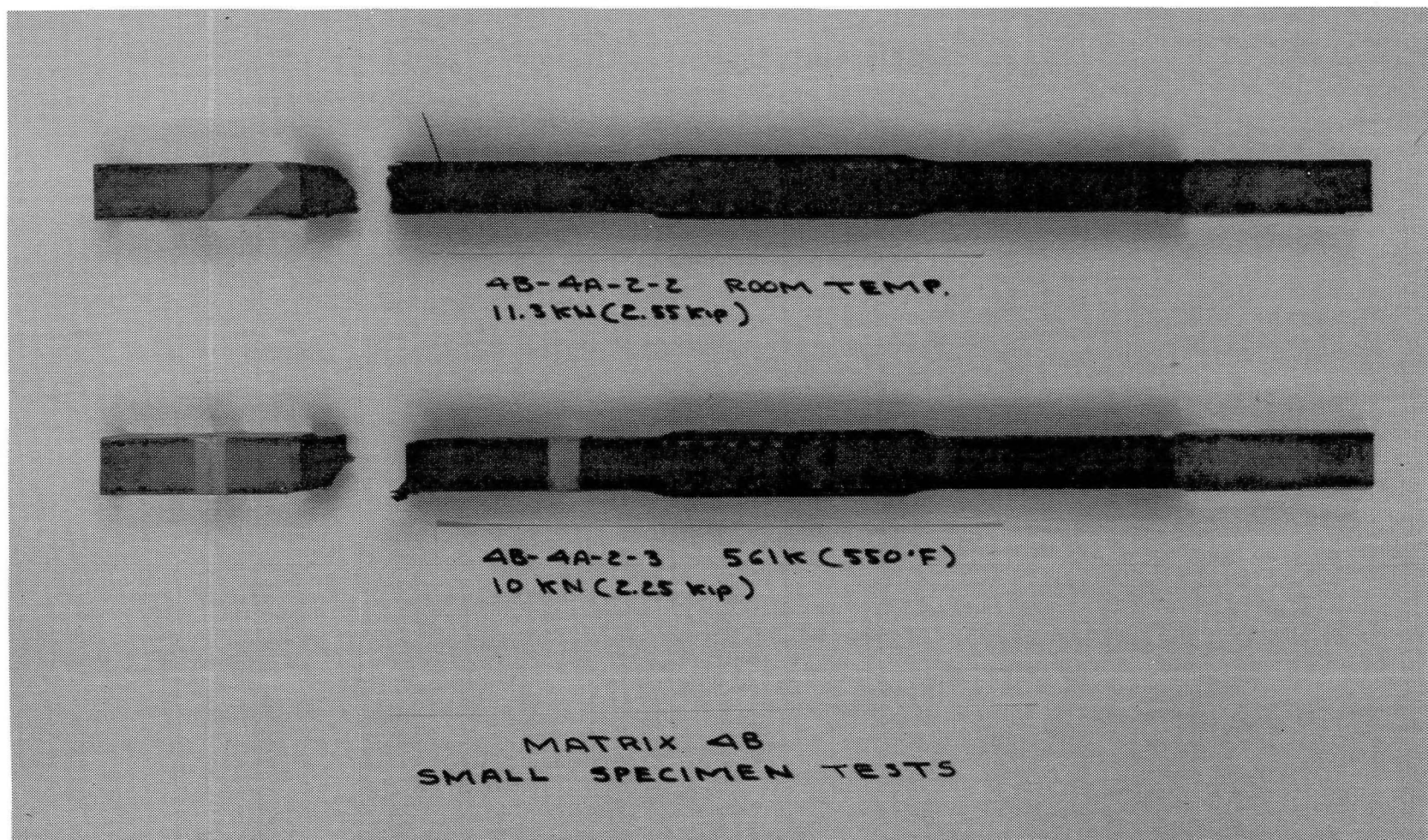


Figure 2-5: Small Specimen Tests - Matrix 4B Test 4A

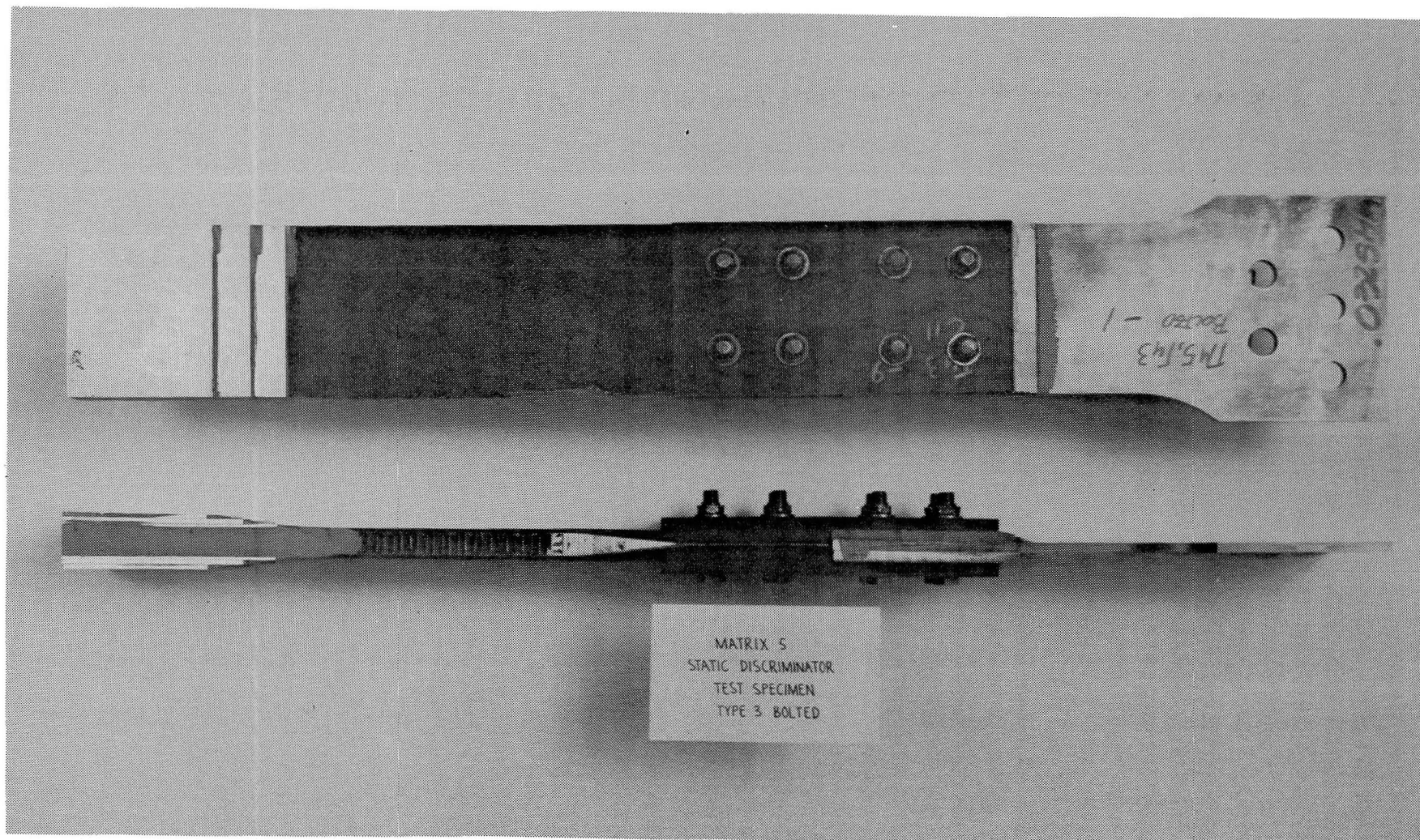


Figure 2-6: Static Discriminator Test Specimen Type 3 Bolted Gr/Pi Splice Plate

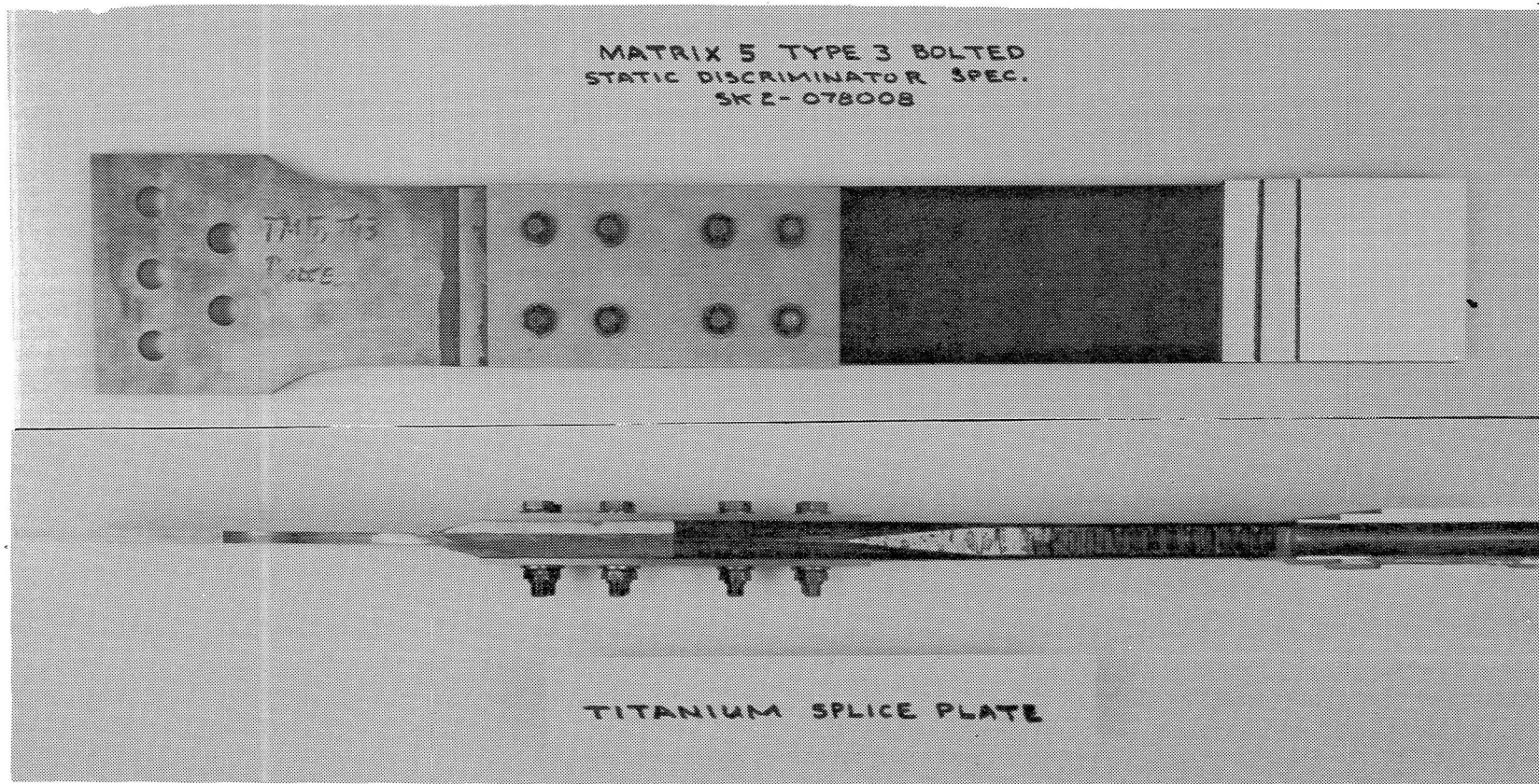
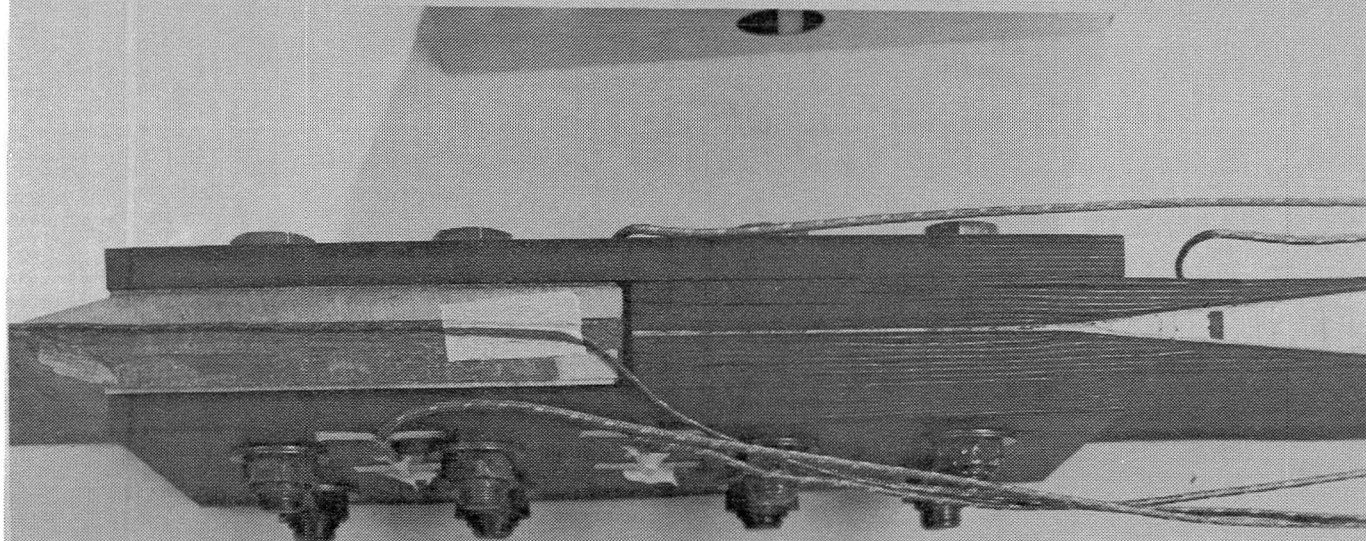


Figure 2-7: Static Discriminator Test Specimen Type 3 Bolted Titanium Splice Plate

MATRIX 5 TYPE 3 BOLTED
STATIC DISCRIMINATOR SPEC.
SK 2-078008



SPECIMEN 5-3B-1-6

Figure 2-8: Type 3 Bolted Joint Pad-Up Delamination

did not affect the test results. Test results are summarized in Table 2-1 and are discussed below.



The joints were designed to carry a minimum load of 2.10 kN/mm (12,000 lbs/in); however, they must fail in the basic skin outside the joint area so that the joint is at least 100% efficient. Since the basic skins must be symmetric pseudo-isotropic lay-ups, the minimum gage that will meet the load requirement is 4.06 mm (0.16 in). This gage has a failure load of 2.24 kN/mm (12,800 lbs/in).


In all cases the specimens failed prematurely in the grip area. Typical failed specimens are shown in Figures 2-9 through 2-11. Failure loads varied from 75% to 92% of the design requirement (exclusive of specimen 5-3B-1-1 which had a bolted grip and failed at 62%). Post test examination of the specimens showed evidence of first ply damage in the load tab area. This probably occurred during preparation of the composite surface for bonding of the aluminum load tabs. In some cases the first ply had been sanded completely through exposing the second lamina. The titanium splice plate specimen (5-3B-1-7) had the least evidence of first ply damage and the highest failure load.


Another factor that may have contributed to the grip failure is having the aluminum load tabs bonded to a 0^0 layer at the interface followed by a 90^0 ply. Since the 90^0 ply would carry very little shear, most of the shear load would be transferred into the first 0^0 ply. This coupled with first ply damage discussed above would explain the premature failures.

It is planned to change the load grip design on Type 3 joints to be fabricated for TASK 1.4. Finite element analyses of a double lap bonded joint (see Ref. 1) has shown that putting $+45^0$ plies at the interface gives a more uniform shear distribution (i.e., lower peak shear stresses). Since the original Type 3 static discriminator specimens (TASK 1.3) were designed with a 3 bolt load grip, this was not considered important. Going to hydraulic load grips changed the load transfer mechanism. Specimens for TASK 1.4 will have a $+45^0$ layer on the outer surface of the composite as well as an additional layer of GR/PI fabric in the grip area. This will give a softer shear transfer zone to minimize peak shear stresses. In addition, strict control will be

Table 2-1 Matrix 5 Static Discriminator Tests
Type 3 Bolted (SK2-078008)
Load Requirement 200 kN (45 kips)

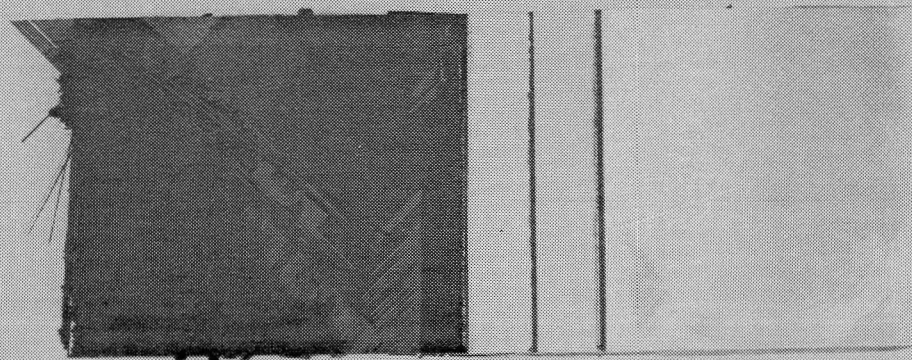
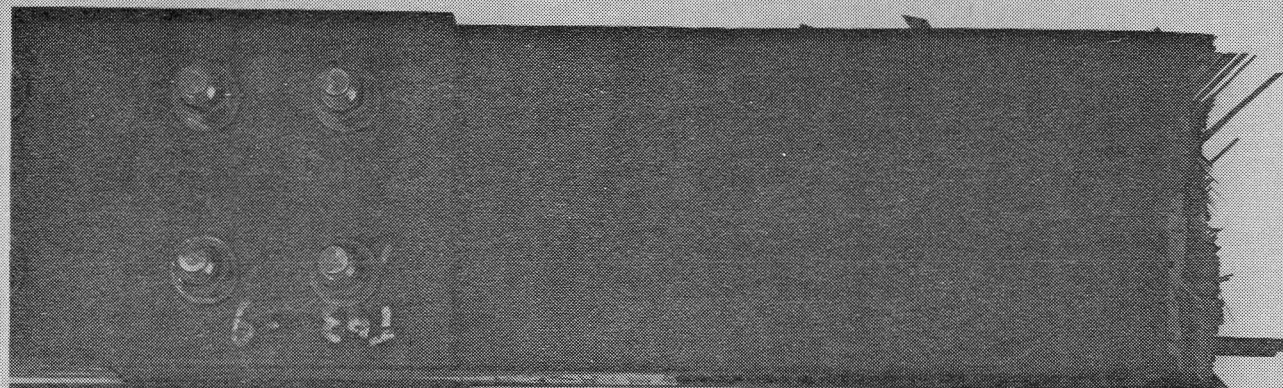
SPECIMEN NO	TEMPERATURE K (°F)	FAILURE LOAD kN (kips)
5-3B-1-1 	294 (70) ↓	124 (27.9)
5-3B-1-2		173 (39.0)
5-3B-1-3		163 (36.6)
5-3B-1-7 		184 (41.3)
5-3B-1-4	561 (550) ↓	162 (36.5)
5-3B-1-5		165 (37.0)
5-3B-1-6		149 (33.6)

 This Specimen had a 3 Bolt Load Grip.
Specimen Failed in Net Tension in the Grip Area.

 This Specimen had Titanium Splice Plate

NOTE: All Specimens Failed in the Grip Area

SPECIMEN 5-3B-1-2
FAILURE LOAD 173.7 KN (39 Kips)



MATRIX 5 TYPE 3 BOLTED
STATIC DISCRIMINATOR SPEC.
SK2-078008 ROOM TEMP.

Figure 2-9: Static Discriminator Tests Type 3 Bolted Gr/Pi Splice Plate
Typical Failure - Room Temperature

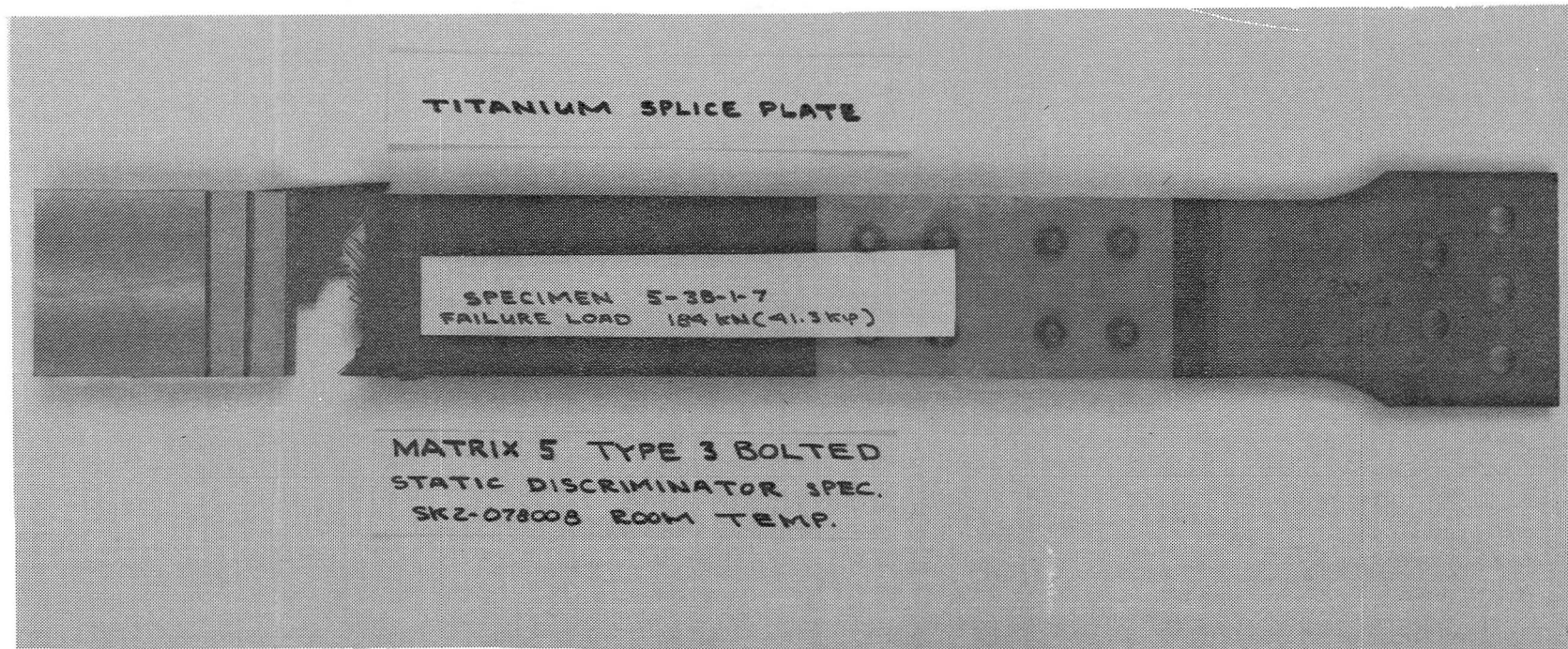
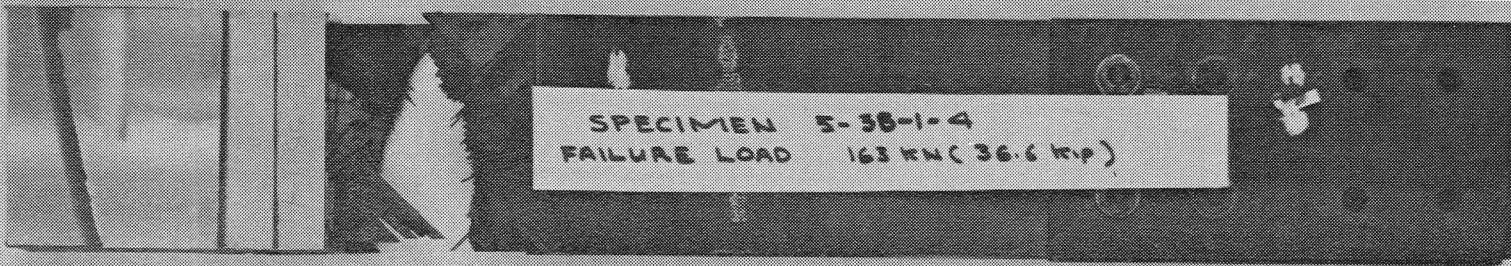


Figure 2-10: Static Discriminator Tests. Type 3 Bolted Titanium Splice Plate
Typical Failure - Room Temperature



MATRIX 5 TYPE 3 BOLTED
STATIC DISCRIMINATOR SPEC.
SK E-078008

561K (550°F)

Figure 2-11: Static Discriminator Tests Type 3 Bolted Gr/Pi Splice Plate
Failed Spec. 561K (550°F)

enforced in preparation of the composite surface for bonding to eliminate any first ply damage.

During the standard joint tests (matrix 3G) a 3.81mm (0.15 inch) thick 3 step symmetric step-lap joint of GR/PI to titanium was successfully co-cured and tested. Co-curing of a 6.35mm (.25 inch) thick 5 step joint, however, was unsuccessful. It was decided to use the static discriminator tests to conduct additional evaluation of possible co-curing processing techniques for the thicker step lap joints. A simple specimen configuration was chosen to minimize costs while demonstrating the adequacy of the co-curing processing. The first specimens were made by prestaging the adhesive primer to eliminate the adhesive volatiles prior to cocuring. C-scans of the cured specimens showed excessive bondline voids. The second specimens were processed by increasing the vacuum to bleed off the volatiles. These specimens also had excessive bond line voids visible as a large blister and also shown by the C-scans. These results show that adequate bonding procedures have not been developed for the thicker GR/PI to titanium step-lap joints.

As discussed above, attempts at cocuring symmetric step lap joints for a Type 3 bonded joint design have not been successful. Based on these results there will not be any scaling up of a Type 3 bonded joint for TASK 1.4. A co-cured bonded joint designed to carry 2.10 kN/mm (12 kips/in) is beyond the current "state-of-art" and would require additional development time and funding.

2.3.2 Type 4 Bonded and Bolted Joints

Testing of Type 4 bonded and bolted joints have also been completed. Typical joint configurations are shown in Figures 2-12 and 2-13. The specimens were loaded as shown in Figure 2-14. Test results are summarized in Tables 2-2 and 2-3.

All of the room temperature Type 4 bonded joints exceeded their minimum design requirement of 845 N (192 lbs). Two specimens failed in compression in the outer laminate of the cover outside the joint area. The other specimen failed at a higher load; however, it had an interlaminar tension failure of the

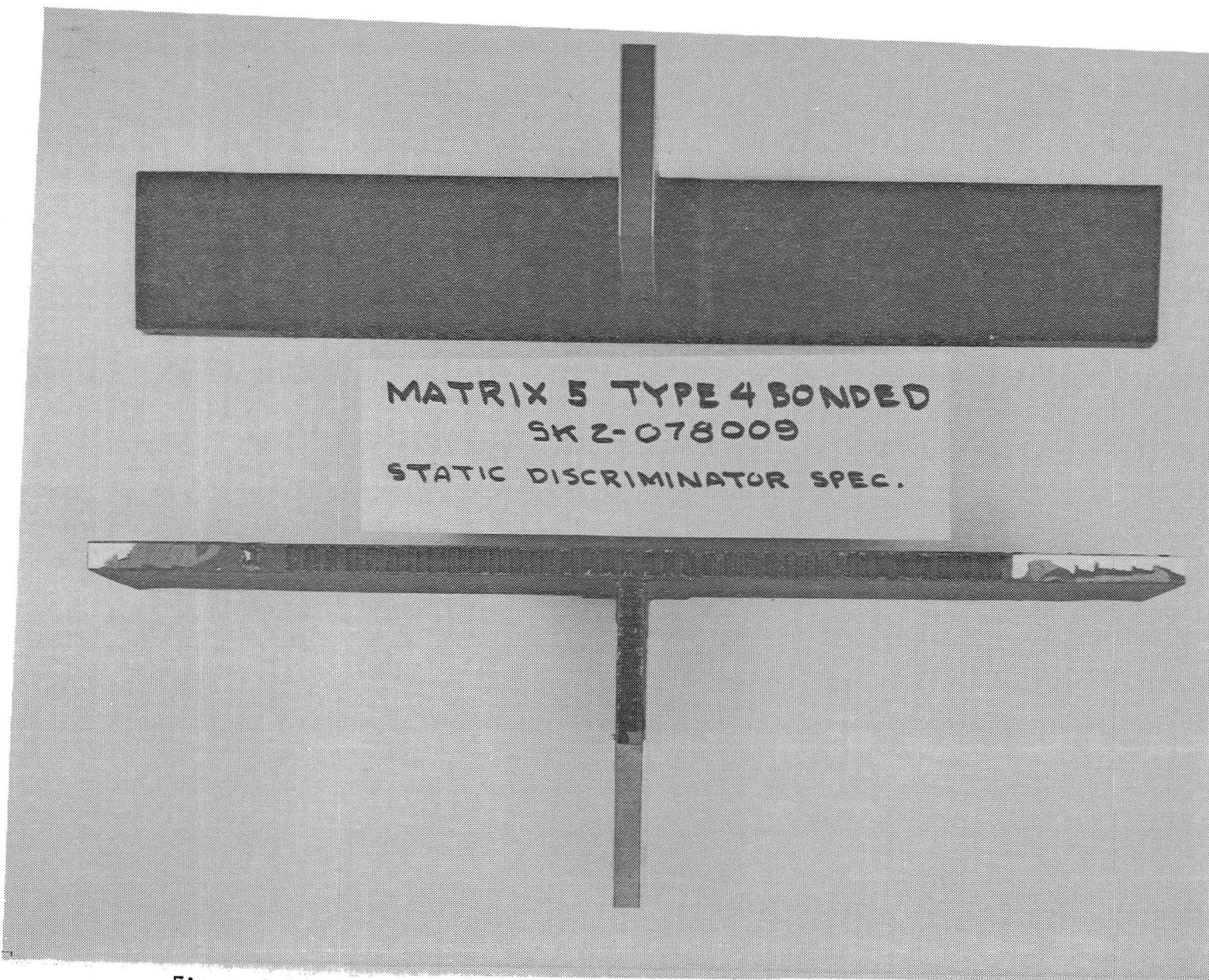


Figure 2-12: Static Discriminator Test Specimen Type 4 Bonded

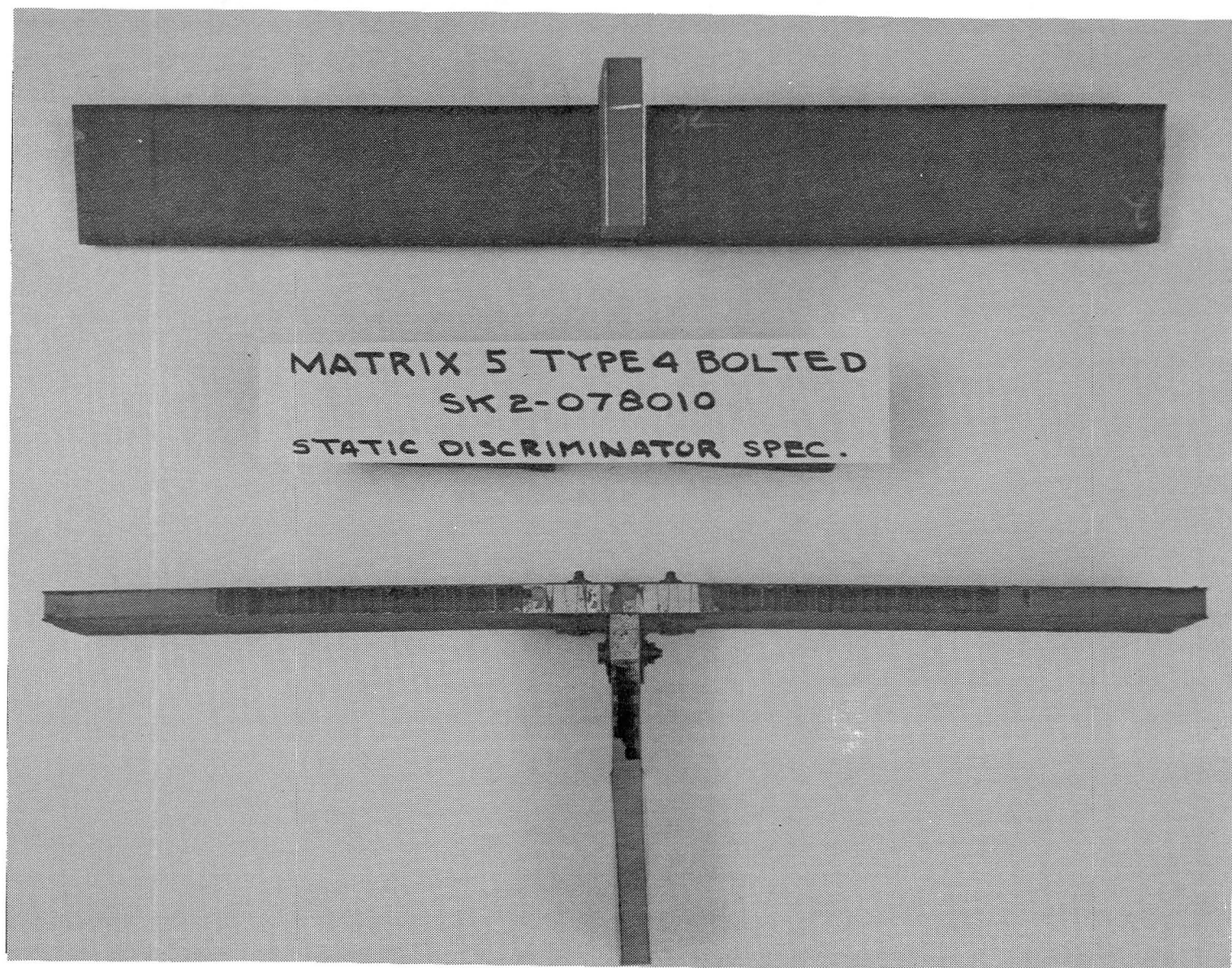


Figure 2-13: Static Discriminator Test Specimen Type 4 Bolted

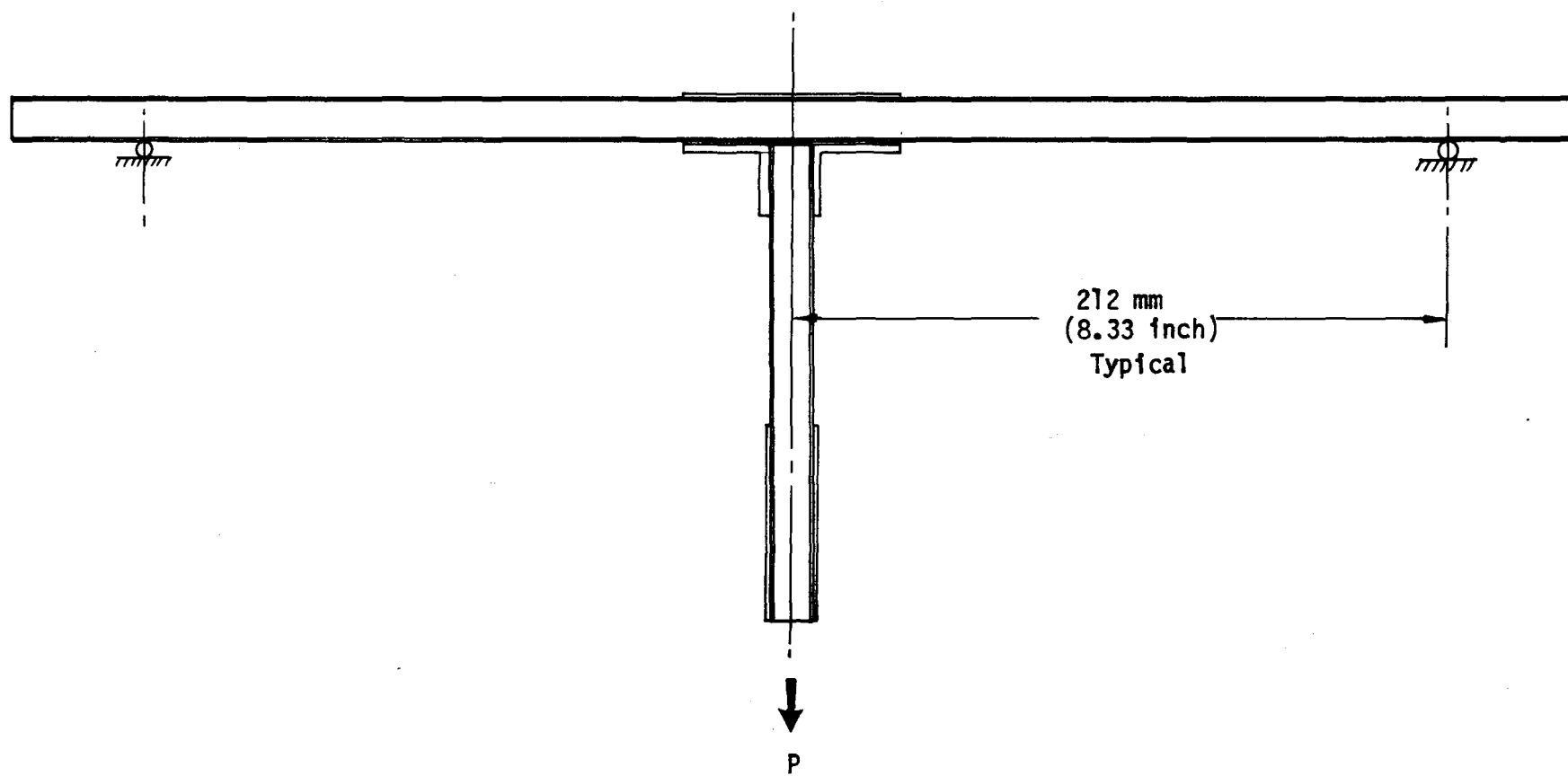


Figure 2-14: Typical Test Setup For Type 4 Bonded and Bolted Joints

Table 2-2 Type 4 Bonded Joints Matrix 5 Static Discriminator Tests
Load Requirement = 854 N (192 lbs)

SPECIMEN NO.	SPECIMEN WIDTH mm (in)	TEMPERATURE K (°F)	FAILURE LOAD N (lbs)	FAILURE MODE
5-4A-1-1	76.2 (3.0)	561 (550)	930 (209)	Attach Angle Pull-Off 1
5-4A-1-2	76.2 (3.0)	561 (550)	1072 (241)	Cover Laminate Compression
5-4A-1-3	76.2 (3.0)	561 (550)	792 (178)	Attach Angle Pull-Off 1
5-4A-1-4	76.2 (3.0)	294 (70)	1463 (329)	Cover Laminate Compression
5-4A-1-5	76.2 (3.0)	294 (70)	1455 (327)	Cover Laminate Compression
5-4A-1-6	76.2 (3.0)	294 (70)	1530 (344)	Attach Angle Pull-Off 2

1 Combined Cohesive and Interlaminar Tension on Attach Angle

2 Interlaminar Tension on Attach Angle

Table 2-3 Type 4 Bolted Joints Matrix 5 Static Discriminator Tests
Load Requirement = 712 N (160 lbs)

SPECIMEN NO.	SPECIMEN WIDTH mm (in)	TEMPERATURE K (°F)	FAILURE LOAD N (lbs)	FAILURE MODE
5-4B-1-1	63.5 (2.5)	561 (550)	1103 (248)	Cover Laminate Compression
5-4B-1-2	63.5 (2.5)	561 (550)	770 (173)	Cover Laminate Compression
5-4B-1-3	63.5 (2.5)	561 (550)	925 (208)	Cover Laminate Compression
5-4B-1-4	63.5 (2.5)	294 (70)	1526 (343)	Cover Laminate Compression
5-4B-1-5	63.5 (2.5)	294 (70)	1349 (303)	Cover Laminate Compression
5-4B-1-6	63.5 (2.5)	294 (70)	1357 (305)	Cover Laminate Compression

attachment angles (i.e., the angles pulled off). Failed specimens are shown in Figures 2-15 and 2-16.

Two of the elevated temperature (561 K (550°F)) Type 4 bonded joints exceeded the minimum design requirement of 854N (192 lbs); however, the third specimen failed at 792 N (178 lbs). Of the two specimens that exceeded the design requirement, one (5-4A-1-1) had a combined cohesive and interlaminar tension failure at the attach angle to cover interface. The specimen (5-4A-1-3) that did not meet the design load requirement had an identical failure mode. The specimen (5-4A-1-2) with the highest failure load had a compressive failure in the outer laminate of the cover outside the joint area. Typical failed specimens are shown in Figures 2-17 and 2-18.

The interlaminar tension failure of the attach angles on the Type 4 bonded joints was not as expected. Results of small specimen tests of double 90° angle attachments showed average failure loads of 40.6 N/mm (232 lbs/in) and 48.3 N/mm (276 lbs/in) at room temperature and 561 K (550°F) respectively. The Type 4 bonded joint attachment angles failed at 20 N/mm (114 lbs/in) at room temperature and at an average of 12.3 N/mm (70 lbs/in) at 561 K (550°F). This large difference in failure load is attributed to the large deflection, up to 21.3 mm (0.84 in), and correspondingly larger surface strains, experienced in the static discriminator tests. Since such large deflection would not be experienced in actual aerospace hardware, a special test was conducted using a spare Type 4 bonded joint. The support span of 423 mm (16.66 in) shown in Figure 2-14 was changed to 80 mm (3.15 in). The resulting failure load was 2.67 kN (600 lbs) or 35 N/mm (200 lbs/in) which is well above the design requirement. Based on these results, no design changes are planned for the Type 4 joints; however, the support span to be used for test will be selected to reduce design conservatism and to promote failure in the basic skin outside the joint area.

All of the Type 4 bolted joints exceeded their minimum design requirement of 712 N (160 lbs). The specimens failed in compression in the outer laminate of the cover outside the joint area. A typical failed specimen is shown in Figure 2-19.

SPECIMEN 5-4A-1-5
FAILURE LOAD 1.45KN(327lb)

COMPRESSION
FAILURE

MATRIX 5 TYPE 4 BONDED
STATIC DISCRIMINATOR SPEC.

ROOM TEMP.

Figure 2-15: Static Discriminator Tests Type 4 Bonded Room Temperature
Cover Compression Failure

SPECIMEN 5-4A-1-6
FAILURE LOAD 1.53 kN (344 lb_r)

MATRIX 5 TYPE 4 BONDED
STATIC DISCRIMINATOR SPEC.

ROOM TEMP.

Figure 2-16: Static Discriminator Tests Type 4 Bonded Room Temperature Attach Angle Failure

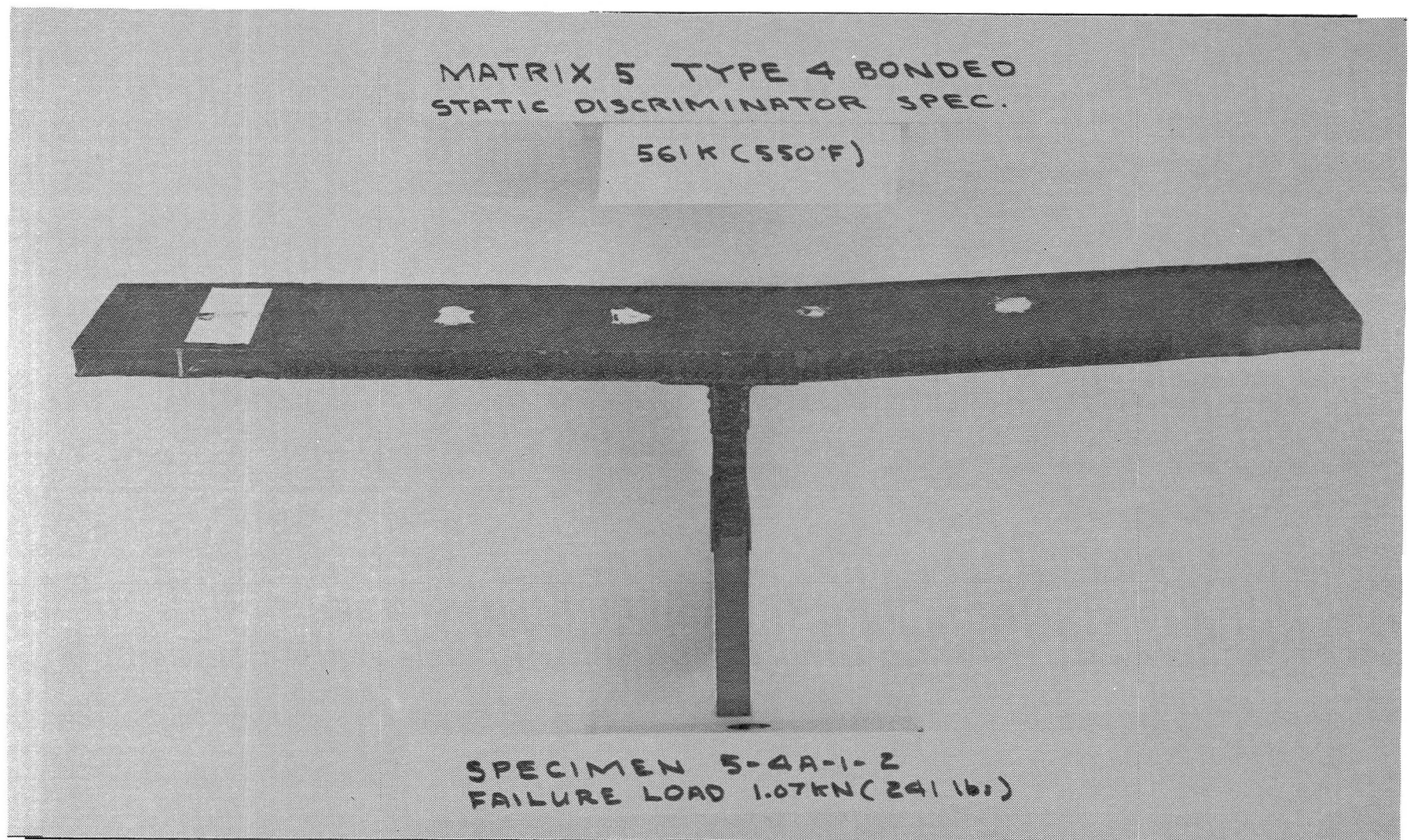
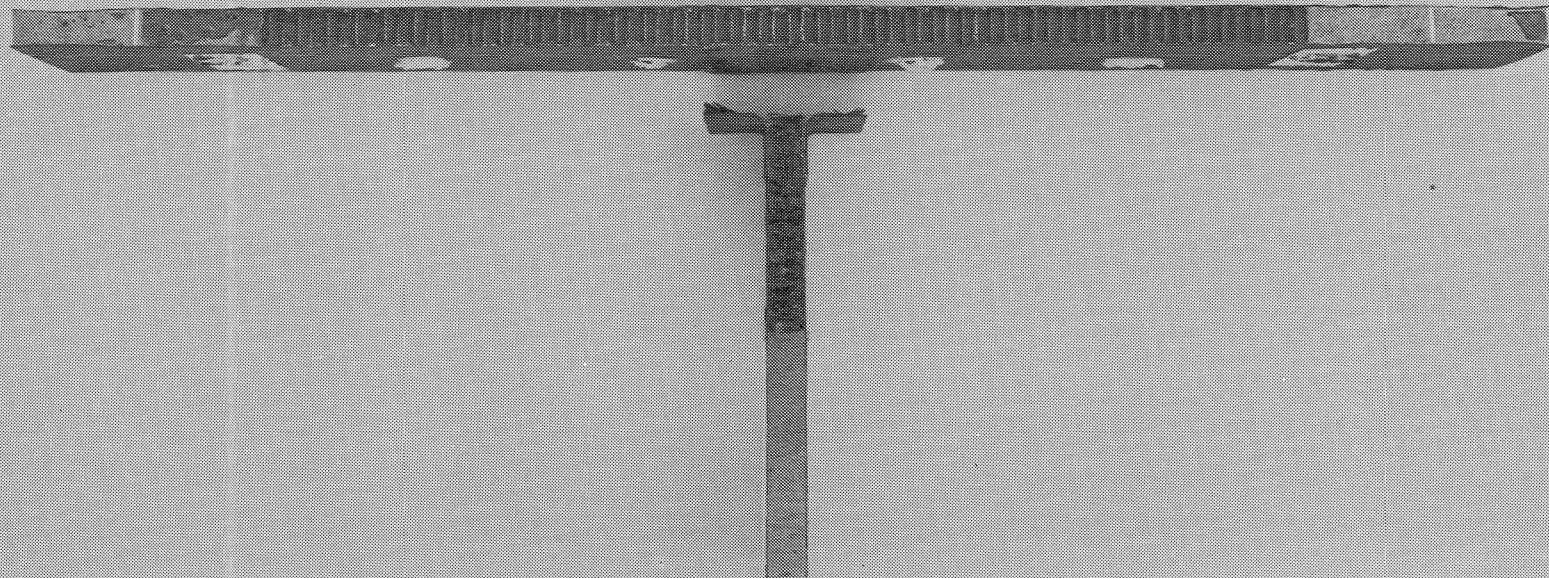


Figure 2-17: Static Discriminator Tests Type 4 Bonded 561K (550°F) Cover Compression Failure

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STATIC DISCRIMINATOR SPEC.

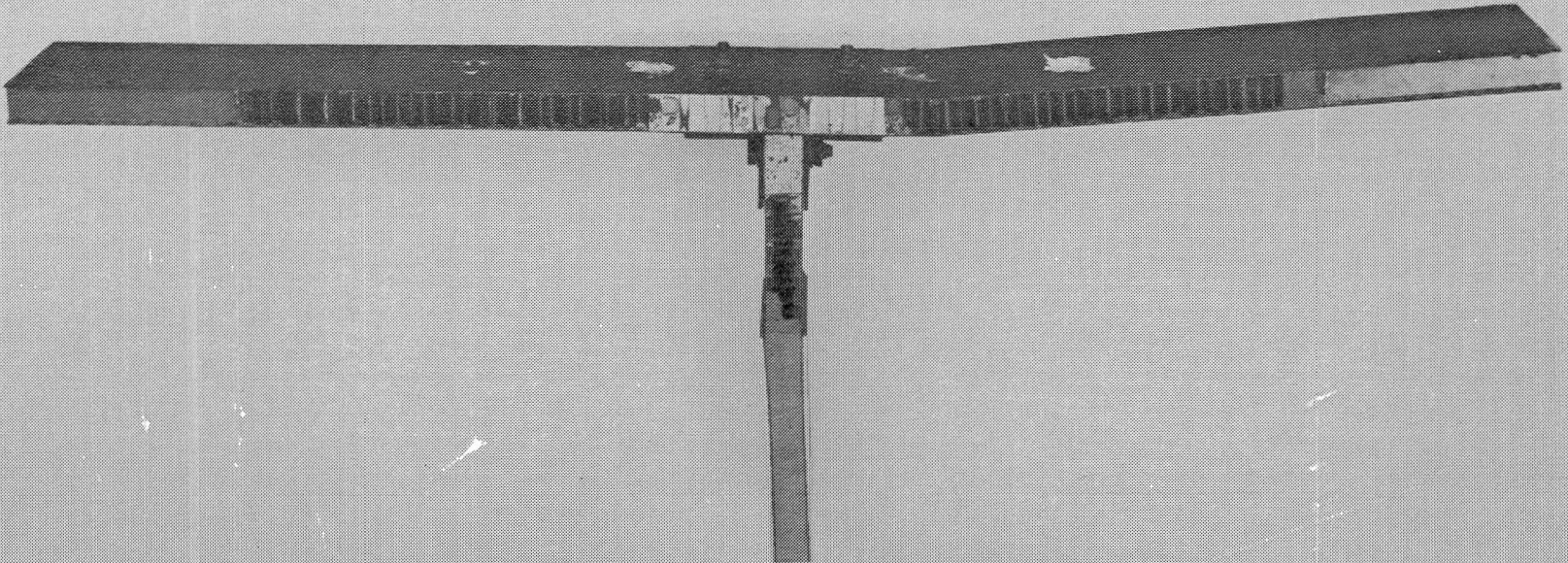
561K (550°F)



SPECIMEN 5-4A-1-1
FAILURE LOAD .93KN (209lb.)

Figure 2-18: Static Discriminator Tests Type 4 Bonded 561K (550°F) Attach Angle Failure

SPECIMEN 5-4B-1-1
FAILURE LOAD 1.1KN (248lb)



MATRIX 5 TYPE 4 BOLTED
SK 2-078010
STATIC DISCRIMINATOR SPEC.
561K (550°F)

Figure 2-19: Static Discriminator Tests Type 4 Bolted Typical Failure

2.3.3 Special Interleaved Doublers

Tests of special interleaved doubler specimens to evaluate proposed design changes to the Type 1 bonded and bolted joints have been completed. Doubler lay-ups and specimen configurations are shown in Figures 2-20 and 2-21 respectively. Test results are summarized in Table 2-4. In all cases the specimens failed in the basic laminate away from the doubler area (see Figure 2-22). It is concluded that the interleaved doubles will eliminate the interlaminar shear failure experienced in the Type 1 static discriminator tests (Ref. 7th Quarterly Report No. CR159114 dated 15 April 1981) and will be used for the final designs in TASK 1.4.

2.4 TASK 1.4 - Final Evaluation of Attachment Concepts

Type 1 and Type 2 bonded and bolted joint designs have been modified to reflect results of the static discriminator tests. Type 1 bonded and bolted joints were changed by incorporating interleaved doublers to eliminate premature failure due to interlaminar shear at the doubler to skin interface. Special small specimens of interleaved doublers were built and tested to verify this design fix (see section 2.3.3). The corner angles on Type 2 bolted joints were reduced in thickness to reduce design conservatism. Skin doublers were eliminated on the Type 2 bonded joints because test results indicated they are not required.

Drawings of the Type 1 and Type 2 bonded and bolted joint designs are shown in Figures 2-23 through 2-26 and have been approved by NASA.

The Type 3 bolted joint design has been changed slightly to improve processing. The bolt pad-up area is fabricated in 3 pieces as compared to the previous 2 pieces. Interleaved pad-ups on the basic skin are a reduced thickness and the difference in thickness is made up with a separately cured filler piece. The sandwich assembly is then secondarily bonded together. The joint design is shown in Figure 2-27. A single joint will be made that is long enough to cut out the required number of static test specimens.

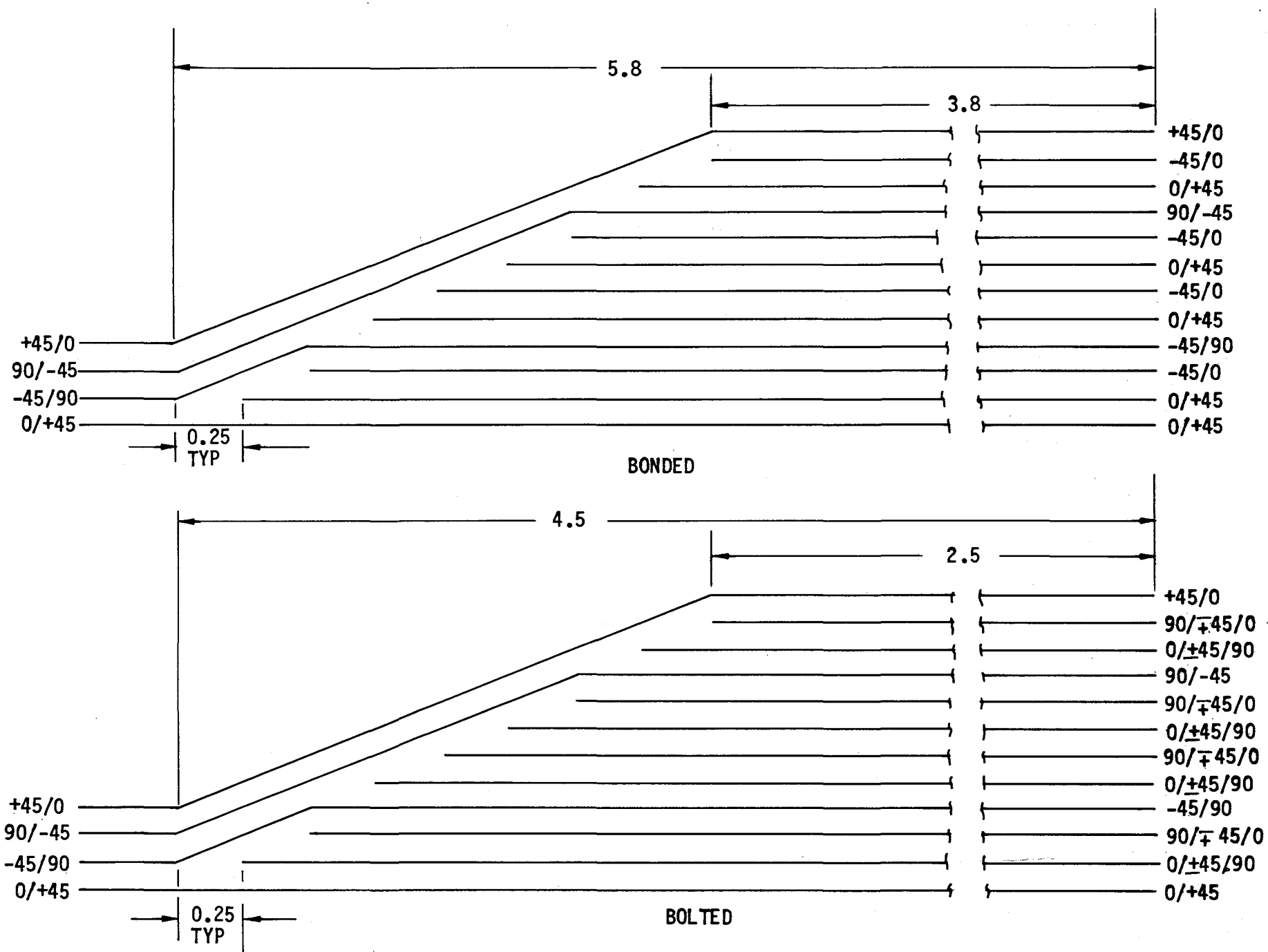
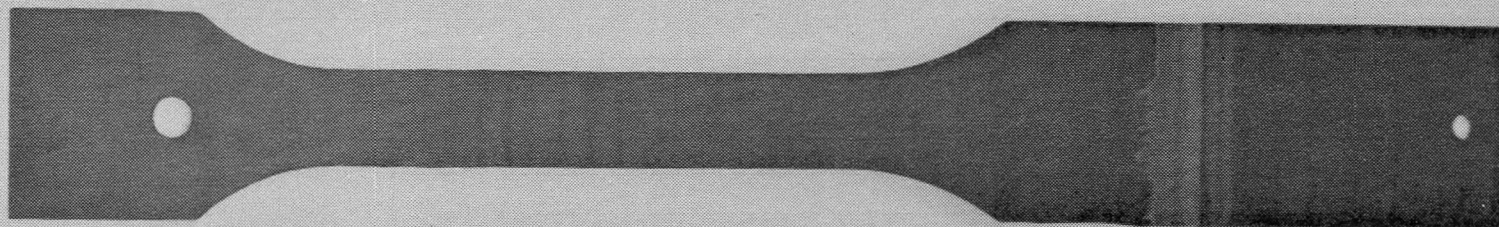
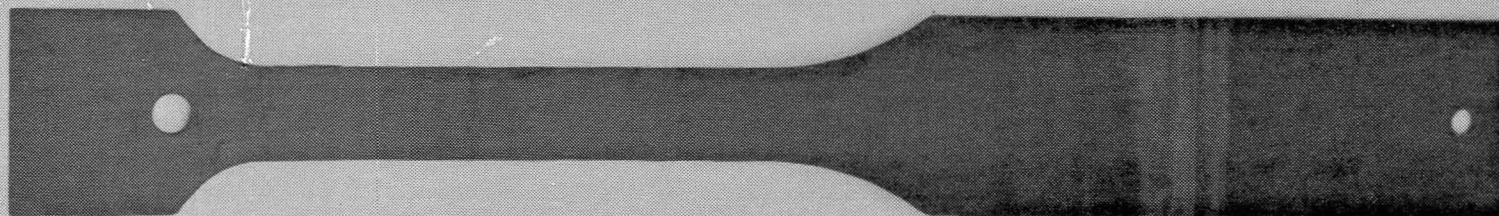


Figure 2-20: Interleaved Doubler Layups, Static Discriminator Type 1 Joints - Alternate Design



BONDED



BOLTED

INTERLEAVED DOUBLERS

Figure 2-21: Interleafed Double Test Specimens

Table 2-4 Special Interleaved Doublers
Matrix 5 - Static Discriminator Tests

SPECIMEN NO.	TYPE	TEMPERATURE K (°F)	FAILURE LOAD kN (lbs)	LAMINATE STRESS Mpa (ksi)
5-6A-1-4	Bonded	294 (70)	6.1 (1365)	492 (71.3)
5-6A-1-5	Bonded	561 (550)	5.3 (1195)	434 (62.9)
5-6A-1-6	Bonded	561 (550)	6.0 (1360)	492 (71.4)
5-6A-1-7	Bonded	561 (550)	6.2 (1395)	496 (72.0)
5-6B-1-1	Bolted	294 (70)	6.2 (1400)	497 (72.1)
5-6B-1-2	Bolted	294 (70)	6.0 (1350)	490 (71.0)
5-6B-1-3	Bolted	294 (70)	5.2 (1170)	437 (63.4)
5-6B-1-4	Bolted	561 (550)	6.4 (1445)	496 (71.9)
5-6B-1-5	Bolted	561 (550)	6.9 (1560)	532 (77.2)
5-6B-1-6	Bolted	561 (550)	6.5 (1460)	523 (75.9)

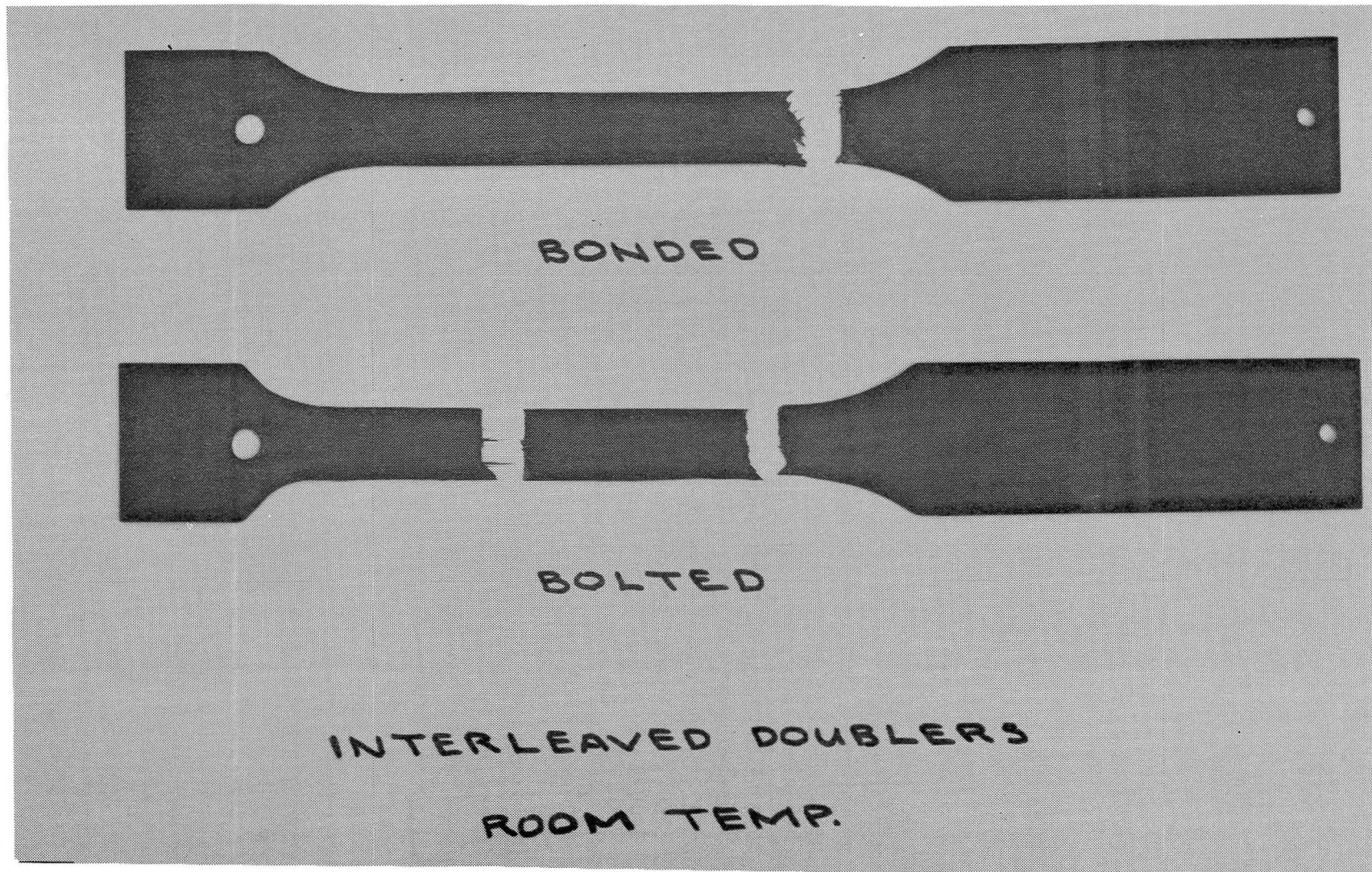
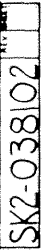
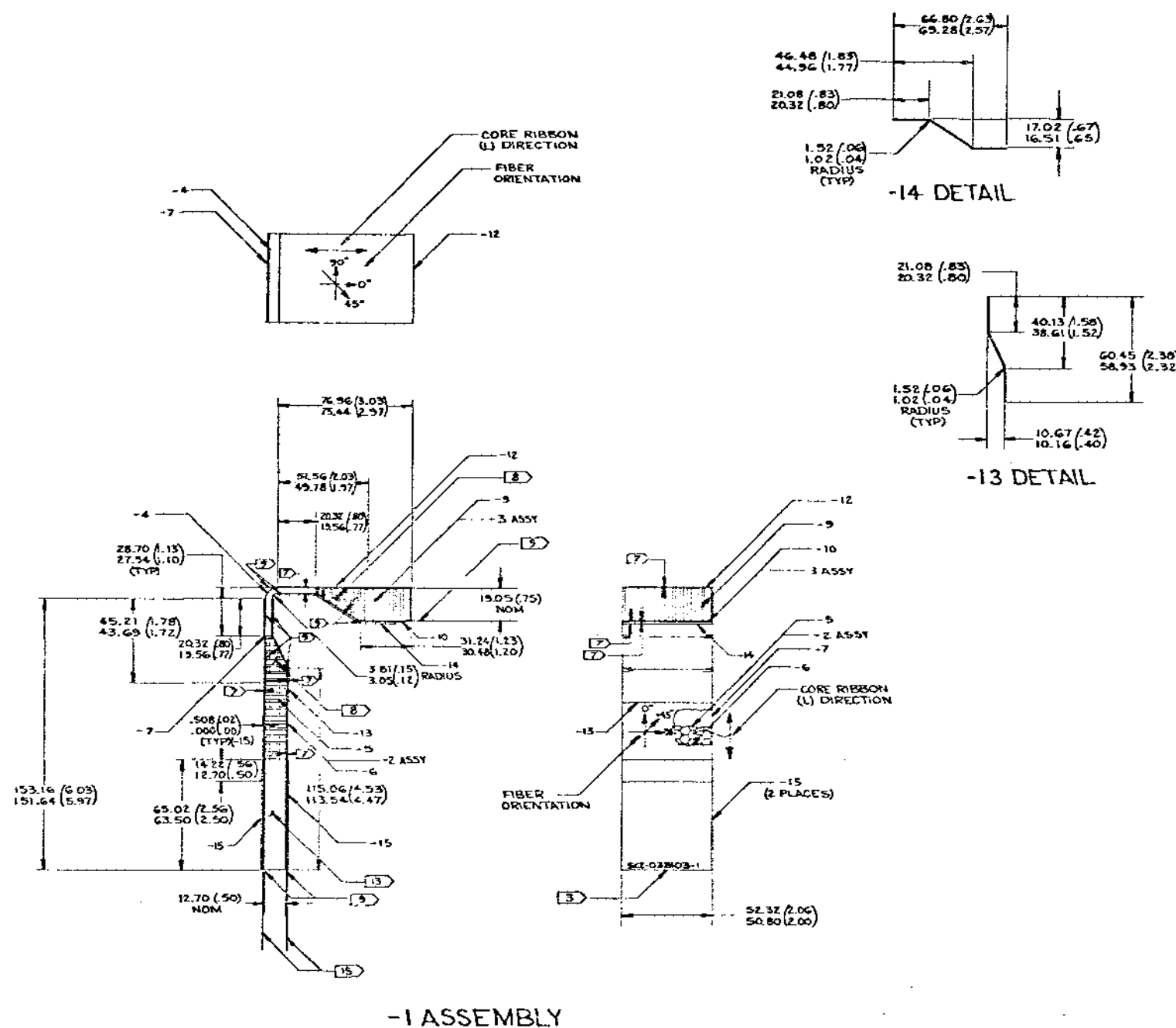


Figure 2-22: Typical Failures - Interleaved Doublers

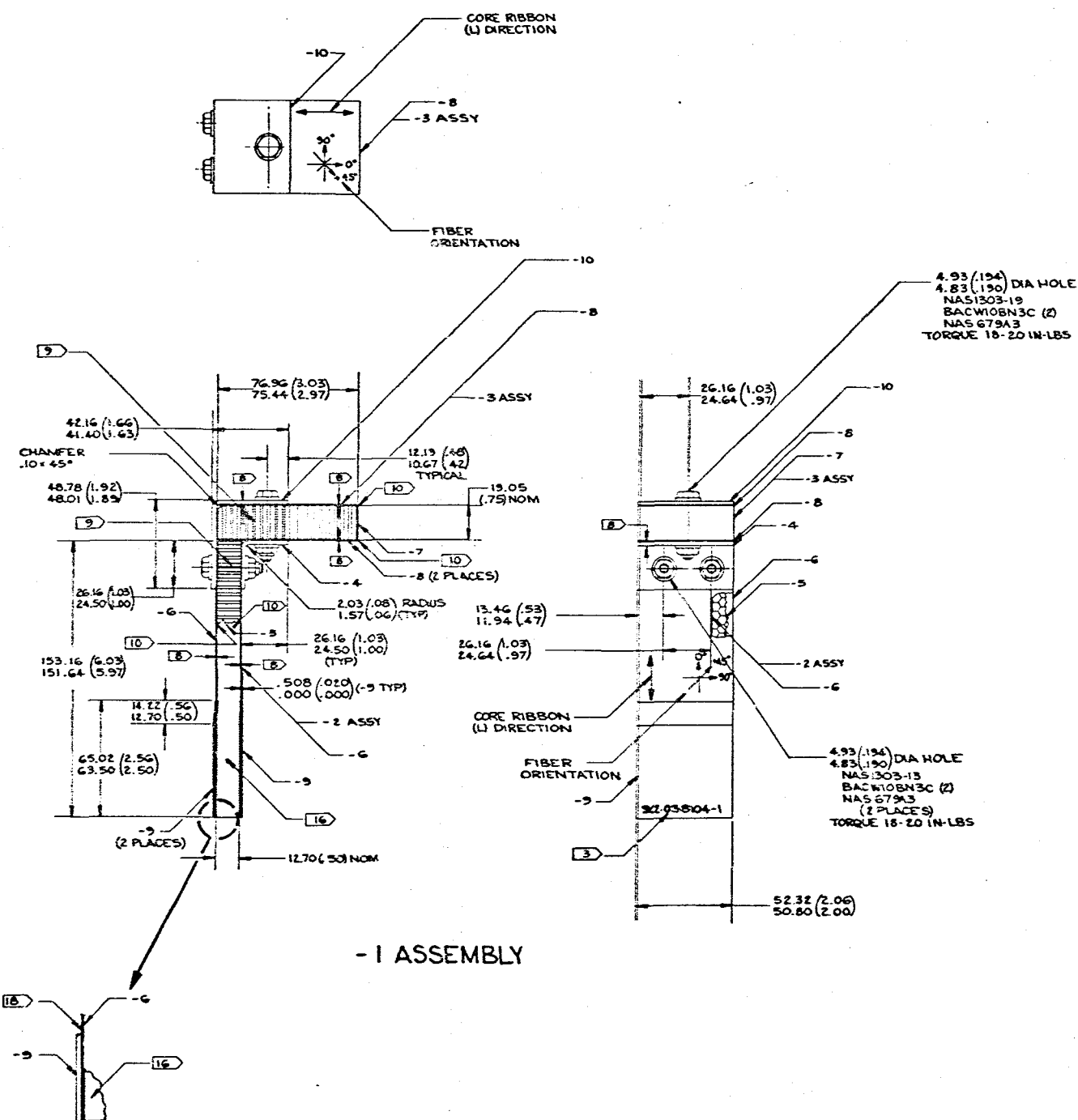


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| <p>1. INSPECTION AND REPAIR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS (SEE APPLICABLE):</p> <p>ROSE, HYDRAFORMER-4 1/2" METAL PARTS PER BAC 5000 BOLT & NUT INSTALLATION PER BAC 5000</p> <p>SHIRT AND ALL OTHERS 1/2" METAL PARTS PER BAC 5000 NUT INSTALLATION PER BAC 5000</p> <p>HYDRAFORMER-4 1/2" METAL PARTS PER BAC 5000</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | <p>10.000 MILLIMETERS (3/8 INCHES) TOLERANCE ON ANGLES: 1/2°</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | <p>PART MARK USING "L" FOR "L" AT LOCATION INDICATED.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | <p>FABRICATION OF THE PART SHALL BE CONTROLLED BY DOCUMENT 0100-20545-54, "PROCESS SPECIFICATION FOR 100-15/000-1111 PARTS", DOCUMENT ALL FABRICATION DEVIATIONS FROM THIS PROCESS SPECIFICATION.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | <p>INSPECT PRELIMINARY LAMINATE AND PRELIMINARY LAMINATE-TO-METAL JOINTS PER DOCUMENT 0100-20545-54, "TESTING PROCEDURES FOR 000-1111/000-1111 POLYIMIDE STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS".</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | <p>IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT KIDS, DISBURDS, AND OTHER ABNORMALITIES.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | <p>RECORD NOMINAL LAMINATE THICKNESSES, AFTER POSTCURE, AT LOCATIONS INDICATED.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | <p>INS 8-126 TYPE 1, 100-1111 STRUCTURAL FORM. INSTALL FORM TO FILL DEPTH OF CORE, OVER THE AREA DESIGNATED PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY OF CORE AND FACE SHEETS. CORE AND PRECURE FORM PER INS 8-126.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | <p>NOT-BLENDED AND PRECURED PER 0100-20545-54, EXCEPT AND IT (BASED ON TEST RESULTS) CAN-DO-IT. 100-1111-TO-TITANIUM LAP SHEAR STRENGTH SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 1500 PSI. WHEN TESTED PER BSS 7202, TYPE V, THE TEST PANEL SHALL BE ASSEMBLED AND TESTED PRIOR TO BONDING THE CORNER ASSY.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | <p>100-377-3/16-8 (1/2" x 1/2") FIBERGLASS/POLYIMIDE, HENSLER PRODUCTS INC.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | <p>100-377-3/16-8 (1/2" x 1/2") FIBERGLASS/POLYIMIDE, HENSLER PRODUCTS INC.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | <p>CELEST 3000 (100-1111) FINISH/PREPARE PER 0100-20545-54.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | <p>FINAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION. REMOVE CORE OVER THE AREA DESIGNATED AND PUT WITH INS 5-78 TYPE 1.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | <p>THE PLIES ARE LISTED IN SEQUENCE, SET OFF BY PARENTHESES STARTING FROM THE SIDE INDICATED BY THE CORNER PART NUMBER AREA, E.G.:</p> <p> </p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | <p>BOND 15 TO 12 WITH 100-1111 PER BAC 5000.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | <p>INSPECT LAMINATE-TO-LAMINATE BONDED JOINTS USING ULTRASONIC "C" SCAN TEST METHOD. "C" SCAN TO BE DETERMINED.</p> | | | | | | | | | | |

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BOLT INSTALLATION & SYMBOLS PER SAC 5388		PART MARKING PER SAC 5387		
FINISH COOKS PER DOCUMENT 02-0000				
2	XX.XXX MILLIMETERS (XX.XX INCHES) TOLERANCE ANGLES: $\pm 1^\circ$			
3	PART MARK USING FELT TIP PEN AT LOCATION INDICATED			
4	FABRICATION OF SPECIMEN SHALL BE CONTROLLED BY DOCUMENT D180-20545-5A, "PROCESS SPECIFICATION FOR #00-15/GRAPHITE PREPREG". DOCUMENT ALL FABRICATION DEVIATIONS FROM THIS PROCESS SPECIFICATION.			
5	INSPECT PRECURED LAMINATES AND PRECURED LAMINATE-TO-HONEYCOMB BONDED JOINTS PER DOCUMENT D180-20545-6, "HOT TESTING PROCEDURES FOR GRAPHITE/PPR-15 POLYIMIDE STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS".			
7	IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT VOIDS, DISBONDS, AND OTHER ANOMALIES.			
8	RECORD NOMINAL LAMINATE THICKNESSES, AFTER POSTCURE, AT LOCATIONS INDICATED.			
9	BWS 8-126 TYPE 1, POLYIMIDE STRUCTURAL FOAM. INSTALL FOAM TO FULL DEPTH OF CORE, OVER THE AREA DESIGNATED, PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY OF CORE AND FACE SKINS. CURE AND POSTCURE FOAM PER BWS 8-126.			
10	K77-BLENDED AND PROCESSED PER D180-20545-5A; EXCEPT ADD 1% (BASED ON RESIN SOLIDS) CAB-O-SIL. TITANIUM-TO-TITANIUM LAP SHEAR STRENGTH SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 1500 psi. WHEN TESTED PER BSS 7202, TYPE V. THE TEST PANEL SHALL BE ASSEMBLED AND TESTED PRIOR TO BONDING THE COVER ASSY.			
11	BWS-527-3/16-B(128.2 kg/m ³) (416/ft ³), FIBERGLASS/POLYIMIDE, HEXCEL PRODUCTS INC.			
12	BWS-527-3/16-A (54.1 kg/m ³) (465/ft ³), FIBERGLASS/POLYIMIDE, HEXCEL PRODUCTS INC.			
14	CELCON 3000 OR 150826 FIBREX/PPR-15 PREPREG PER D180-20545-4A.			
15	STRIP PER SAC 5771, APPLY 3RD FILM LUBRICANT PER SAC 5811, TYPE VIII, CLASS 1.			
16	FINAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION: REMOVE CORE OVER THE AREA DESIGNATED AND POT WITH BWS 5-28 TYPE 6.			
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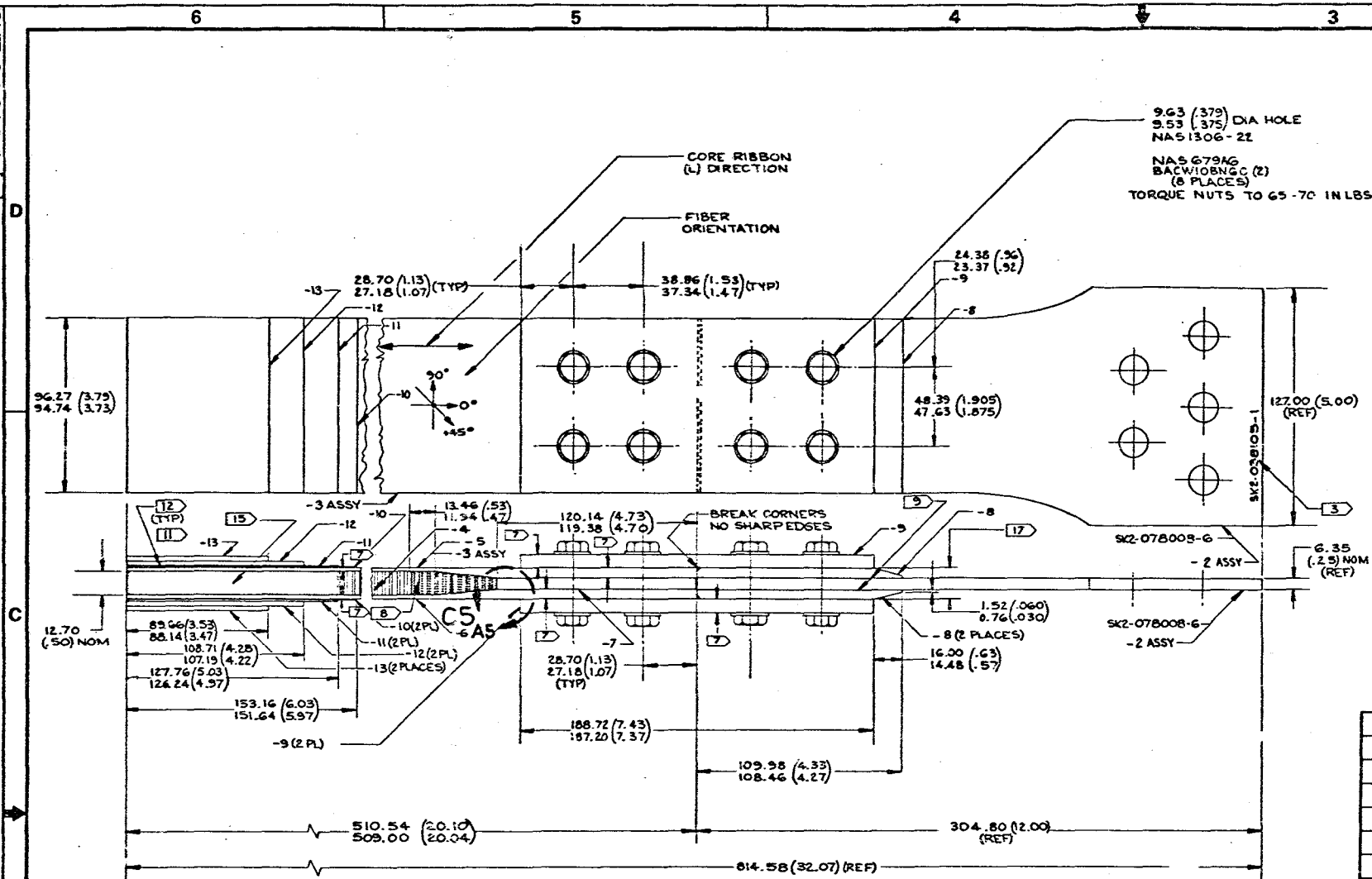
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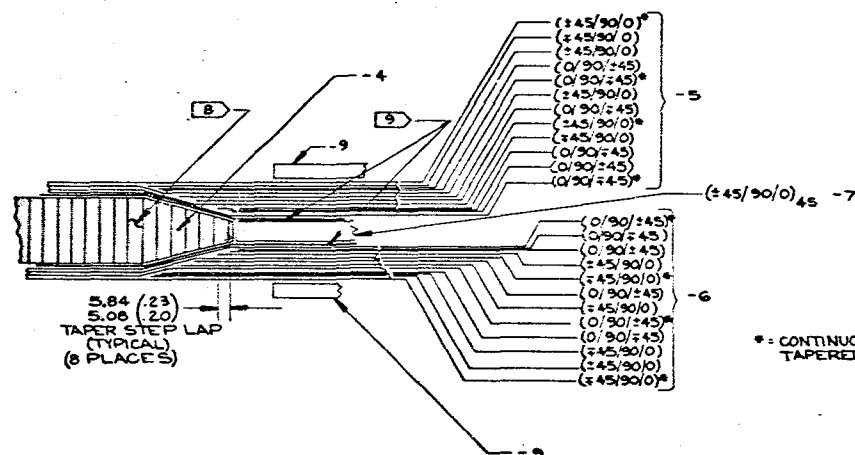
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FINISH CODES PER DOCUMENT DQ 688B | | | | | |
| 2 | | | XX, XXX MILLIMETERS (XX.XX INCHES) TOLERANCE ANGLES: $\pm 1^\circ$ | | |
| 3 | | | PART MARK USING FELT TIP PEN AT LOCATION INDICATED. | | |
| 4 | | | FABRICATION OF SPECIMEN SHALL BE CONTROLLED BY DOCUMENT D180-20545-SA,
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FABRICATION DEVIATIONS FROM THIS PROCESS SPECIFICATION. | | |
| 5 | | | INSPECT PRECURED LAMINATES AND PRECURED LAMINATE-TO-HONEYCOMB BONDED JOINTS
PER DOCUMENT D180-20545-S, "HOT TESTING PROCEDURES FOR GRAPHITE/PWR-15
POLYIMIDE STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS". | | |
| 6 | | | IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT VOIDS, DISKINGS, AND OTHER ANOMALIES. | | |
| 7 | | | RECORD NOMINAL LAMINATE THICKNESSES, AFTER POSTCURE, AT LOCATIONS INDICATED. | | |
| 8 | | | BMS 8-126 TYPE 1, POLYIMIDE STRUCTURAL FOAM. INSTALL FOAM TO FULL DEPTH OF CORE,
OVER THE AREA DESIGNATED, PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY OF CORE AND FACE SKIPS.
CURE AND POSTCURE FOAM PER BMS 8-126. | | |
| 9 | | | AZF-BLENDED AND PROCESSED PER D180-20545-SA; EXCEPT ADD 1% (BASED ON RESIN
SOLIDS) CAB-O-SIL. TITANIUM-TO-TITANIUM LAP SHEAR STRENGTH SHALL BE A MINIMUM
OF 1500 PSI. WHEN TESTED PER BSS 7252, TYPE V, THE TEST PANEL SHALL BE
ASSEMBLED AND TESTED PRIOR TO BONDING THE COVER ASSY. | | |
| 10 | | | KRH-327-5/16-4 (64.1 kg/m ³ (41b/ft ³)) FIBERGLASS/POLYIMIDE, NEXEL PRODUCTS INC. | | |
| 11 | | | CAUTION DO NOT DAMAGE OUTER PLY WHEN PREPARING LAMINATE SURFACE FOR BONDING | | |
| 12 | | | BMS 5-51, TYPE 2, GRADE 10 OR BMS 5-101, TYPE 2, GRADE 10. BOND IN ACCORDANCE
WITH BAC 5514. ITEM -11, -12, & -13 TO -3 ASSY | | |
| 13 | | | CELCON 6000 (NR 15026 FINISH)/PWR-15 PREPREG PER D180-20545-SA. | | |
| 14 | | | STRIP PER BAC 5771, APPLY DRY FILM LUBRICANT PER BAC 5811, TYPE 7111, CLASS 1. | | |
| 15 | | | FINAL ASSEMBLY OPERATION: REMOVE CORE OVER THE AREA DESIGNATED AND PUT WITH
BMS 5-28 TYPE 6. | | |
| 16 | | | THE PLIES ARE LISTED IN SEQUENCE, SET OFF BY PARENTHESIS STARTING FROM THE SIDE
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| 17 | | | AFTER BONDING -8 TO SK2-070009-6 THIS THICKNESS SHALL BE CHEM-MILLED TO MATCH
TOTAL THICKNESS OF THE -3 COVER ASSY | | |
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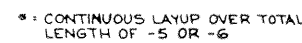
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A special specimen design is required for the fatigue tests because it requires bolted grips on both ends in order to interface with the fatigue test machine. The specimen configuration is shown in Figure 2-28. It incorporates a symmetric specimen that has a bolted joint on each end. One end will use a graphite polyimide splice plate and the other end a titanium splice plate. This will enable both Type 3 bolted joint concepts to be fatigue tested simultaneously. The specimens, however, are only one bolt spacing wide and will be cut from a different joint panel lay-up than the static strength specimens.

Type 4 bonded and bolted joint designs are shown in Figures 2-29 and 2-30 respectively. The designs are not changed from the configurations tested in the static discriminator tests and discussed in section 2.3.2.



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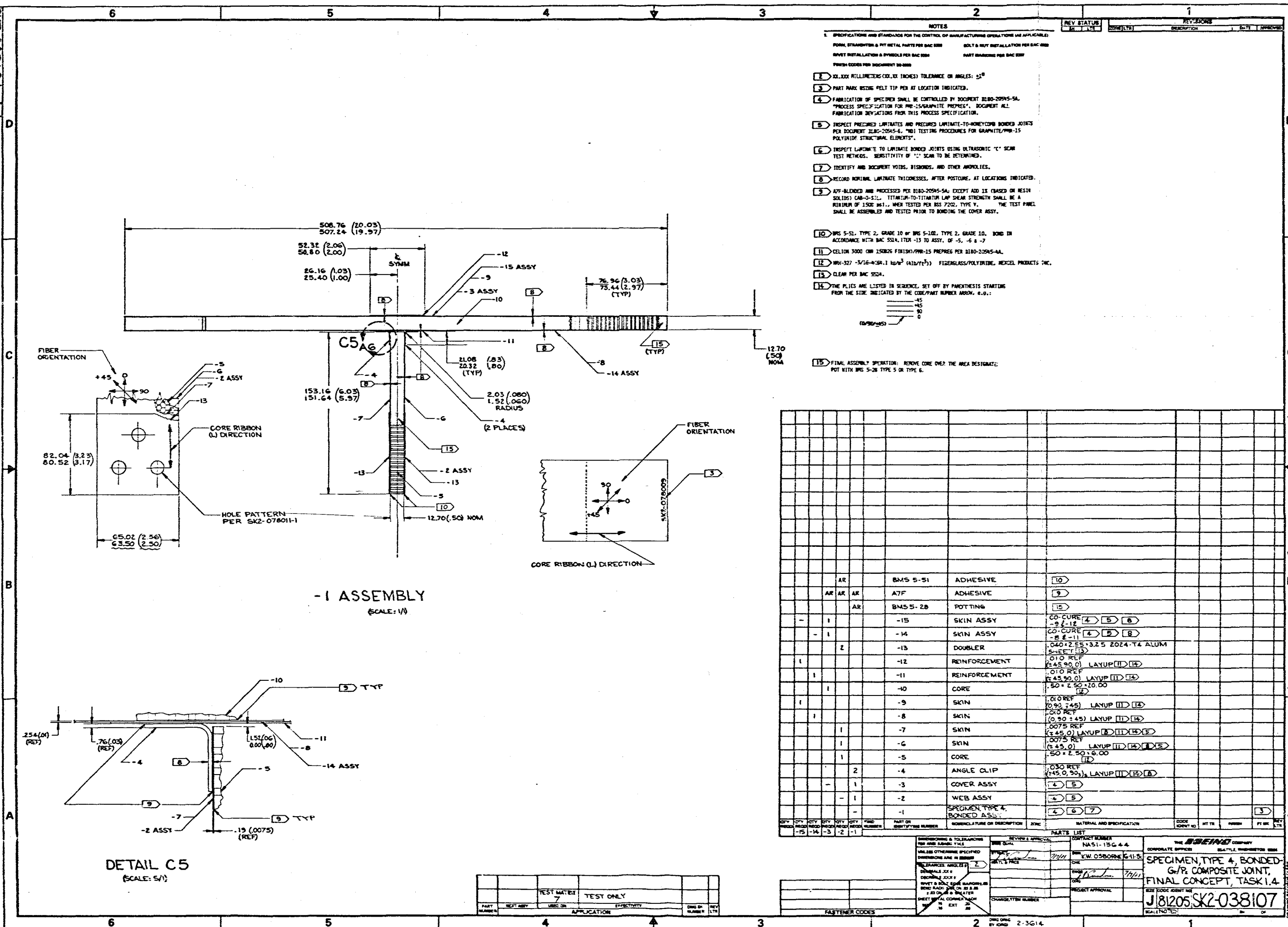


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SECTION 3.0

CONCLUDING REMARKS

During this reporting period the principal program activities dealt with design allowables, small specimens and static discriminator tests.

Results of testing discussed in this report have led to the following conclusions.

- o Interleaved doublers is an acceptable design fix for Type 1 bonded and bolted joints.
- o Type 3 bolted joint design is adequate for the design load.
- o Cocured Type 3 bonded joints are currently beyond the "state-of-the-art" in processing of graphite polyimide to titanium for the required load level of 2.10 kN/mm (12 kips/inch).
- o Type 4 bonded and bolted joint designs are adequate for the design loads.

Specimen fabrication and testing to date has demonstrated that graphite polyimide composite can be joined by bonding or bolting and be made to transfer loads commensurate with the magnitude of loads expected for aerospace vehicles.

Although some of the joints tested did fail in the joint area and not outside the joint area as had been the design requirements, the magnitudes of the loads actually transferred were substantial indicating viable joints can be designed and manufactured.

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